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## SCANDINAVIA WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS IN NAZI IRON ORE SITUATION WITH GRAVE ANXIETY

### CANADIANS RESOLVED TO STAND BY BRITAIN

#### Liberal Victory In Election

LONDON, Mar. 28 (BWS)—The Liberal Government's decisive victory in the Canadian general election has given great satisfaction in London and is generally acclaimed as undeniable evidence of the Dominion's determination to take its share in the Empire effort to make victory certain.

Observers here are particularly impressed by the large size of the poll in spite of unfavourable weather and feel that a striking answer has been given to the parrot repetition by dictator countries of the democratic lack of unity and energy in expressing decisive opinions.

The Daily Herald sums up the moral of the result by saying, "Nazis, and even others, may well have imagined that the Canadians might have felt themselves so safely distant from Hitler as to imitate in some of the traditional isolationism of the neighbouring United States. Yet various 'stop the war' candidates were almost annihilated in yesterday's election. Canada has given an overwhelming demonstration of her resolve to stand beside Britain in the fight for freedom."

The Manchester Guardian says Mr. Mackenzie King has been given an unmistakable vote of confidence in his Government's war activities and adds, "It is deserved. Canada has enrolled, by voluntary enlistment, over 90,000 men of whom the first contingents have crossed the ocean. She has helped to plan on her soil a training school for the air force that is one of most striking projects in military history. "She has turned her industry to the service of the Allies and secured to them, at agreed rates, her primary products."

#### CRAIGIE GOING ON HOLIDAY

TOKYO, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Japan, and Lady Craigie, plan to visit the United States in the middle of April for a brief holiday.

Sir Robert Craigie and his wife have been in Tokyo for two and a-half years.

#### DEATH OF MRS. M.F. FIERMONTE

PALM BEACH, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—The death occurred today of Mrs. Madeleine Force Astor Fiermonte, formerly the wife of Colonel J. J. Astor.

## "COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC PEACE" MEETING AT HAGUE: GERMANY REPRESENTED

THE HAGUE, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—One Briton, two French and three Germans have arrived to attend meetings of the "Committee for Economic Peace" formed through the efforts of the International Chamber of Commerce aimed by Carnegie Endowment for economic peace.

The Germans are attending as representatives of the Reich although the British and French delegates are not official but are solely representatives of the International Chamber of Commerce.

American, Dutch, Belgian, Swiss and Swedish representatives are also attending, including Belgium's former Prime Minister, M. van Zeeland.

## Small Ships Hugging Norwegian Coast

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—Scandinavia is watching developments in the German iron ore situation with grave anxiety.

The Germans are reported to be using for the transport of this ore from northern Norway small steamers of shallow draught which are able to hug the Norwegian coast closely in order to avoid interception.

The Tidningen's special correspondent reports that Narvik harbour is being used to its full capacity.

### Flares Seen Off Coast

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—Flares seen off the coast led to two lifeboats covering over 70 miles during the night searching for a British plane believed to have been forced down while on patrol.

Nothing was found and the first lifeboat returned after seven hours of search.

Early this morning more flares were seen and another lifeboat was launched but also returned after a fruitless search lasting several hours.

### BRITISH LOAN TO SPAIN

Special To H.K. Daily Press  
LONDON, Mar. 28 (Havas)—The text of the recently concluded Anglo-Spanish Financial Agreement revealed that Britain is lending Spain \$2,000,000 bearing interest at the rate of four and a-half per cent.

Amortisation will begin in June, 1942, in 10 bi-yearly payments.

## RAILWAY ACCIDENT: 14 INJURED

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—A message from Basle states that another railway accident, in which 14 people were injured and considerable damage done, occurred at Lottach Baden, according to reports received here.

A shunting engine collided with a passenger train and traffic was held up for a considerable time.

## PUPPET COMMANDER TAKEN PRISONER AT WUYUAN: RENEWED HAINAN FIGHTING

WUYUAN, March 28 (Central)—Heavy reinforcements have been sent by the Japanese at Paotow, Kweilun, and other places to the north bank of the Uga River, north of Wuyuan, in West Suiyuan, to stage a counter-offensive.

Repeated attempts of the invaders to cross the stream to the south bank have failed. Covered by an artillery barrage and aerial bombardment, they made another attempt on Monday, but were again repulsed.

Chinese guns concentrated their fire on the Japanese vessels, sinking several of them. More than 700 Japanese were killed and drowned.

Li Keng-che, puppet divisional commander of the bogus Mongolian Army, and four Japanese advisers were taken prisoner when they escaped from Wuyuan recently. They have been escorted to Lanchow, Kansu.

SUWEN, LUICHOW PENINSULA, Mar. 28 (Central)—More than thirty villages at Fungying on the northern coast of Hainan Island were razed by fire by the Japanese on March 17, and many villagers were killed. Assisted by Chinese troops, the villagers eventually drove the enemy away, about 230 Japanese being reported killed.

Japanese troops in occupation of Tahhsien, in the northwestern part of Hainan Island, burned down more than 300 civilian houses in the suburbs on March 18. They were later attacked by the Chinese, and it is reported that the Japanese garrison commander, an adviser and about 100 soldiers were killed in action.

MALUNGHU RECAPTURED  
KWEILUN, Mar. 28 (Central)—Malunghu, west of Lingshan in Western Kwangtung, was recaptured on March 25 by the Chinese in pursuit of the retreating Japanese.

HEAVY FIGHTING  
CHUNGKING, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—Heavy fighting is said to be in progress along the banks of the Wuchia River, according to the latest Chinese field despatches reaching here.

Japanese forces from Paotow, assisted by tanks, artillery and aircraft, are reported to be making a determined attempt to recapture the city of Wuyuan.

## Hongkong Police Force Inspection



His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Mr. A. R. S. Major, A.S.P., inspecting the European contingent at yesterday's Police parade. Also in the picture are Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C., and Mr. K. A. Bidmead, Superintendent of Police.

## Creation Of Standing Welfare Commission For Campaign Against Social, Moral, Economic Shortcomings Prevalent In Hongkong

### 128 ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN

#### Total Covers All Fronts

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—Reuter learns that since the beginning of the war, and up to and including yesterday's engagement on the Western Front, 128 enemy aircraft have been shot down in actions with the R.A.F. or by anti-aircraft batteries.

This total covers all fronts. It is also learned that in addition 44 enemy aeroplanes were so badly damaged that, in all probability, they failed to return to their bases.

From the total of 128 definitely known to have been shot down, 29 were accounted for on the Western Front, 99 in actions off the East coast of England, Scotland, Heligoland Bight and over the North Sea.

It is pointed out that the total represents aircraft brought down by the R.A.F., Royal Navy and anti-aircraft batteries and does not include any planes shot down by the French or Polish forces.

A middle-aged, white, scrooped, name unknown, suddenly collapsed and died at the Tung On Wharf yesterday afternoon. His body was conveyed to the mortuary.

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## GOVERNOR'S HINT AT CENTRE MEETING AT CATHEDRAL HALL

A hint that he was considering the advisability of creating a standing Social Welfare Commission for an organised campaign against the social, moral and economic shortcomings and abuses which prevail in the Colony, was given by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, when he presided at the annual meeting of the Social Service Centre of the Churches at St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday evening.

The meeting, which was well attended, was opened by the Dean, Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, who spoke generally on the principles underlying the work of the Centre. He was followed by Miss Nell E. Elliott, general secretary, who gave the gathering a good picture of the work of the Centre.

The Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, then outlined the actual scope of the activities here and the needs of those engaged on such work both from the Government and the public, after which His Excellency addressed the meeting as follows:—

We have had lucidly exposed to us an account of the highly valuable work that the Social Service Centre of the Churches is doing for the poorest and most helpless among us and on behalf of the Colony's administration. I offer a very sincere tribute of gratitude and appreciation to the Centre's hard-working and devoted labourers.

The admirable work which the Social Service Centre of the Church and a large number of other charitable societies have done and are doing in the Colony has recently set me thinking of the advisability of creating a standing Social Welfare Commission which would consist of experts and would serve as an Intelligence Branch in the conduct of a continuous, organised campaign against the social, moral and economic shortcomings and abuses which prevail here, as they prevail elsewhere.

#### LONG-TERM PROGRAMMES

The functions of such a Commission, as I conceive them at the present time, and I admit that more thinking upon the subject is necessary before any action is taken—would be to work out on its own initiative, but with the aid of Government departments, long-term programmes of social reform, to act as Government's consultant in

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## CHANGE IN ATTITUDE OF SOVIET TO JAPAN

### Delicate State Of Relations

Special to H.K. Daily Press

TOKYO, Mar. 28 (Havas)—The attitude of the Soviet Union to Japan has shown a marked change since the termination of the Finnish war, according to the Yomiuri Shimbun.

The paper said that since the conclusion of the Soviet-Finnish peace, Russia has embarked on a policy of annoying Japan.

There are the reports that the Soviet is concentrating troops in the Far East and Soviet patrols in Saghalien fired recently on Japanese patrols.

#### APPRECIABLE CHANGE

"All in all, there are indications that the Soviet Far Eastern policy has undergone an appreciable change and M. Molotov may be suspected of having forgotten his much-heralded declaration of last September when he said he would endeavour to improve relations with Japan," said the paper.

Well-informed quarters see another indication of the delicate state of Soviet-Japanese relations by the fact that a closed session was decided upon by the House of Peers when the War and Navy Ministries delivered replies to interpellations on Japanese policy towards the U.S.S.R. at a meeting of the Budget Sub-Committee.

## BRITISH BOMBER DOWNED

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—A British bomber was shot down near Rotterdam early this morning by Dutch chaser planes. The machine crashed in flames but, of the five occupants, one was killed. The others were not injured and have now been interned.

#### HIT ABOVE FERNIS

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—A communique issued by the Government Press Service states that a British bomber which was flying from east to west was hit when above Fernis, near Rotterdam, by fire from a Netherlands fighter plane.

The communique confirms that one of the crew was killed after jumping from the plane and that the plane was burnt out. The survivors have been interned.

#### ONE MISSING

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry stated that one of a flight of Blenheim bombers, intercepted by German chaser planes while on reconnaissance over Heligoland Bight yesterday is missing.

## LONDON HARBOUR DUES INCREASE

Special To H.K. Daily Press  
LONDON, Mar. 28 (Havas)—The London Harbour dues will be increased from April 1.

## POSSIBILITY OF NAZI RAIDERS APPEARING IN FAR EAST CANNOT BE TREATED LIGHTLY

SINGAPORE, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—Demagnetisation of merchant ships is being carried out in Singapore and several ships have already left with non-magnetic girders, stated Rear-Admiral T. B. Drew, O.B.E., addressing the Rotary Club.

Several merchant ships have been requisitioned in Singapore and many have been defensively armed, he said, and added that the possibility of German raiders and submarines appearing in the Far East could not be treated lightly.

He stated that there was no reason to suppose that the Germans could adopt the policy that Britain adopted in the last war when submarines built in Canada were transported to England for assembling.





# MANSON FAVOURED TO WIN MARATHON THIS AFTERNOON

## 18 Starters Including One Entry From Police

THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL KOWLOON MARATHON RACE, over a distance of about 6½ miles, will be run this evening, the start being from outside St. Andrew's Church, Nathan Road, at 5 p.m. sharp.

The race is open to members of St. Andrew's Club and all Europeans of the Colony. There will be only 18 starters today, and the Royal Navy, who gained first and third place last year, will not be represented.

There were originally 33 entries for the race, but the Middlesex Regiment entry of 15 runners was withdrawn yesterday, owing to the men being required for military duties.

Favourite for the race this evening will be Pte. Manson, of the Royal Scots, who was second to Stoker C. Brown, of H.M.S. Grampus, last year. Brown won in 34 mins. 54 secs. Manson has not been in as good form this year as he was last season, but the withdrawal of the strong Middlesex Regiment entry leaves him no serious challenger other than Cpl. Sutherland, also of the Royal Scots.

**MANSON'S SUCCESSES**  
In addition to his second place in the Marathon last year, Manson won the Open 10,000 metres at the China Amateur Athletic Federation (H.K. Association) Annual Sports last autumn, and has won the Open 880 Yards at the University Sports two years in succession, winning in 1939, in 2 minutes 9 seconds after a close race with D. S. Blake.

The Marathon course is along Nathan Road towards Yaumatei, turning into Waterloo Road up to the Prince Edward Road intersection, and along Prince Edward Road towards Kowloon City, turning into Tam Kung Road up to

the Kowloon Docks, and by Bulkeley Road, Chatham Road, Salisbury Road and Nathan Road to the finish at St. Andrew's Church.

### POLICE ENTRY

For the first time in several years, there is a civilian entry this year, N. Reynolds, of the Police Training School.

The complete list of runners in this evening's race follows:

Cpl. Sutherland, L/Cpl. Massie, L/Cpl. Edge, Pte. Manson, Pte. Fowler 96, Pte. Parnaby, Pte. Corrigan, Pte. Wylie, L/Cpl. Wilson (2nd Bn., The Royal Scots), L/Cpl. Truscott, Sig. Lewis, Sig. Lithauer, Sig. Hutchinson, Pte. Bryant (Royal Corps of Signals), Spr. Middleton (Royal Engineers), L.A.C. Brown, L.A.C. Moulton (Royal Air Force) and N. Reynolds (Police Training School). Following the race, the prizes will be given away in St. Andrew's Church Hall by Mrs. Higgs, wife of the Rev. J. R. Higgs, Vicar. The three silver cups for first, second and third place have been presented by Sir Vandevelde Grayburn, Mr. Ezra Abraham and Mr. F. C. Hall.

The starter will be Mr. V. R. J. Merrett, and the Judges Dr. Kirby Gomes, Dr. K. H. Utley, the Rev. J. R. Higgs, Messrs. A. C. Jeffreys, E. F. Fincher, H. Kew and R. H. Wong, Esq.

## ENTRIES FOR H.K. JOCKEY CLUB'S THIRD EXTRA MEET

The Third Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held on Saturday, April 6, at Happy Valley, starting at 2 p.m.

The following are the entries:

1. or 9.—2.00 p.m. or 6.00 p.m.—Canton Handicap:—First or Second Section—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies "D" Class. To be ridden by jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Ascot Vale, Bogey, Chatterbox, Dekko, Desert Star, Double Chance, Emergency Call, Estover, Fel Ying, Gold Coin, Golden Cow, Good Morning, Hopeful Time, Night View, Orange Boven, Plet, Helm, Plain View, Portrush, Soldier of China, Some Hope, Sunlight, of View, Talkative, This Time, Tim, Valorous, West Lake, Wilber, Willynilly.

23 Entries.  
2.—2.30 p.m.—Brisbane Spring Handicap:—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies of any Season. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Two Miles.

Amicus Curiae, Australian Diamond, Baffin Bay, Courting Eve, Far View, Lancashire Chips, Lucky Lad, Maple Star, Sapper, Sparrow, Tornado Star, Triumphant Day, Vanity Fair, Viceroy.

3. or 7.—3.00 p.m. or 5.00 p.m.—Fatsan Handicap:—First or Second Section. Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies "C" Class. Grifpins of this Season that have won less than \$1,000 in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

Advancing Time, Boolat Bay, Celtic Star, Commencement Bay, Dawn Star, Forgotten Star, Galveston Bay, Gladiator, Guinness Time, Just In Time, Lancashire Boy, Laughing Girl, Marksman, Musketeer, National Pride, Oak Bay, Pinfarthings, Rose Evelyn, Rose Flara, Rose Queen, Royal Highness, Scenic View, Soldier of

Britain, Strathbannock, Tampa Bay.

4.—3.30 p.m.—Hobart Handicap:—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies. "B" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

A Great Time, Ajax, Annabella, A. Roaring Time, Ascot Day, Blandford, Bruno, Brutus, Cocklefoot, Derby Day, Double Finesse, Happy Landings, Maple Star, Murrumbidgee, Princess, Clara, Pumpernickel, Rising Star, Sea Jay, Springhurst, Sydney Lad, Vixen Tor.

21 Entries.  
5.—4.00 p.m.—Kongmun Handicap:—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Grifpins of this Season. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile). Blue Field, Blue Gate, Bronze Arrow, Gate Free, Distinctive Time, Emergency Unit, Eve of Dancing, Eve of Folly, Eve of Hunting, Eve of Peace, Flying Ace, For All Time, Forty Three, Gay Star, Hillsboro Bay, Hughber, Hurricane, Jane Doe, Johnber, National Success, Oomph, Oonagh, Ronson, Rose Charming, Silver Wings, Smashing Through, Victoria.

28 Entries.  
6.—4.30 p.m.—St. Kilda Handicap:—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies. "D" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.  
Amber II, Balatoc, Brown Derby, Colorado Star, Helix, Income Tax, Murray River, Nancy Lee, Piccadilly Jim, Pumelo, Quick Despatch, Sea Urchin, Shuttlecock, Tarzan, Winnie.

15 Entries.  
8.—5.30 p.m.—Broken Hill Handicap:—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies of this Season. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.  
A Good Time, A Green Time, Australian Prince, Brown Derby,

# SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR H.K.L.T.A.

## LOSS OF \$200 ON INTERPORT

A successful year was recorded at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association held in the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, yesterday. Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell, President, was in the Chair.

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Justice Lindell said:—

The Association has had a successful, if somewhat uneventful, year. Our congratulations again due to the Chinese R. C. on their brilliant success in the "A" and "C" and Mixed Doubles divisions and also their success in the "D" division, while in the "B" division they were beaten only by the S. C. A. A. This is a proud record. I much regret that in the report we failed to make mention of the success of the Kowloon Tong G. C. A. in this section of "D" division.

**TSUI BROTHERS**  
In the men's events, which was as usual admirably managed by the H.K.C.C., the Tsui brothers remained supreme and that supremacy does not look like being challenged, at any rate this year.

In each of the events in which the ladies were concerned the successful "come back" of Mrs. Enid Lo Litton was most noteworthy.

As regards visiting teams, we were very glad to be able to entertain the Philippine Island Davis Cup team, Messrs. Sanchez and Ampon, in May and to note their subsequent progress, especially that of Mr. Ampon, in tournaments in the United States.

**THAILAND VISITORS.**  
The visit of the Thailand good-will team was unfortunately marred by what amounted to a virtual boycott of our visitors by most of the Chinese community.

I cannot but deplore the attitude that was adopted on what were, in my opinion, quite insufficient grounds, and desire publicly to thank the Rumjahn cousins and our other players, who made the staging of the Interport contest possible.

Turning to the accounts you will see that our expenditure exceeded our income by \$259 due to our loss of just over \$200 in connexion with the Thailand Interport.

It was decided that the League season would commence on Tuesday, May 14, while entries would be closed on Monday, April 16.

**LEAGUE PROPOSAL**  
During discussion, Mr. J. J. Ferguson proposed that members who were not residents of Hongkong, should not be permitted to participate in the League Games.

He pointed out that last year, visitors had been invited to play for a club in League matches. The proposal was carried by a majority, and a rule will be drawn up against players participating who have not been residents in Hongkong for at least three months, or who do not intend to reside here for that period.

**NEW OFFICERS**  
Officers elected for the current year were as follows:—

President—H. R. B. Hancock; Vice-President—M. W. Lo; Hon. Secretary—T. A. Pearce; Hon. Treasurer—E. Abraham; Executive Committee—E. de Souza, A. el Arculli, T. F. Lo and Capt. C. H. R. Hyde (representing Army). Interport Selection Committee—A. E. P. Guest, M. W. Lo, Ho Ka-lan, H. A. Barros and Capt. C. H. R. Hyde.

**BADMINTON RESULTS**

Colony championship badminton matches played last night resulted as follows:—

**MIXED DOUBLES**  
Playing at King's College, K. L. Yong and Miss Ulan Khoo beat J. Chark and Mrs. Beattie, 15-10, 15-9.

At Club de Recreio, P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung beat H. Eardley and Miss Declina Eardley, 15-5, 15-12.

**MEN'S JUNIOR SINGLES**

At Club de Recreio, N. L. Smith beat T. S. Young 15-12, 15-5.

Comedy Star, Fair Chance, Finallst, Flying Dutchman, Forehand Drive, Franklin, Grand Alliance, Income Tax, Many Thanks, Maple Star, Perola d'Oriente, Princess Clara, Shuttlecock, Springhurst, Spring Shine, Winnie.

20 Entries.

# COLONY TENNIS DOUBLES

## CHINESE PAIRS' SUCCESSES

Two matches in the Colony Open Doubles tennis championship were decided at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday evening.

**SECOND ROUND**

Wong Fook-nam and Lam Kwan entered the second round at the expense of I. and B. Agafuroff, of the Civil Service C.C., winning by scores of 6-4, 6-3 in an interesting match.

Another Chinese pair, Pang O-lam and Leung Ping-chiu gained the right of meeting the Rumjahn cousins in the third round when they disposed of J. L. C. Pearce and D. I. Bosanquet after 16 games, the result being 6-2, 6-2.

Capt. C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson were given a "walk-over" from Kwok Hing-chung and Lu Kwai-fan and will now meet E. C. Fletcher and W. C. Hung in the second round.

**CLUB MATCHES**

In the Handicap Doubles, Suri. Lt.-Col. C. B. Nicholson and Suri. Capt. G. V. Hobbs (—2/6) defeated P. Macleod and E. S. Hall (plus 1/6) 6-0, 6-0.

In the Mixed Doubles Handicap, P. Winter-Blyth and Miss B. Fair (scr.) lost to Lt. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill (—15/2) by scores of 2-6, 1-6.

**ALL-MILITARY JUNIOR SOCCER SHIELD FINAL**

There will be an all-military final in the Junior Football Shield at Caroline Hill on Saturday when the Royal Engineers, winners in 1935, 1936 and 1937, will meet the 30th Battery R.A.

Yesterday, on the Club ground, in a replay, the Sappers defeated South China by four goals to three. The score at half-time was 1-1.

In their first meeting, the teams drew 2-2.

It will be recalled that on Easter Monday, 30th R.A. defeated the Police, also in a replay, by three goals to nil, on the Sookunpoo ground.

# C.C.C. TEAM FOR TOMORROW

The following will represent the Craigengower Cricket Club 2nd XI in a league match against Civil Service Cricket Club tomorrow on the latter's ground:—

B. R. Irane (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar, W. K. Way and J. L. Young Saye. Scorer—W. Broadbridge.

# REFEREES ASSN. MEETINGS

The Entertainment Committee Meeting of the H.K. Football Referees Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil on Tuesday, April 2, at 6.30 p.m. This will be followed by the Monthly Meeting at 8 p.m. and a Committee Meeting at 9.30 p.m.

# NOMADS' TEAM FOR SATURDAY

The following will represent the Nomads Hockey Club in a friendly hockey fixture with the Y.M.C.A. tomorrow, on the Club ground, bully-off 4.15 p.m.

F. Soares; R. Xavier; H. Soares; L. Souza, R. J. Reed, H. Gubay; R. M. da Silva, J. H. Franco, S. A. Reed, P. Rull, B. Xavier.

# EASTER GOLF RESULTS

The following are the results in the Mixed Bogey Par (Parling New Course) played during the Easter holidays:

H. and Mrs. Overy 18+25. Surg. Comdr and Mrs. Nicholson 8+38. Lt. Comdr and Mrs. Rose 9+22. All tied at 1 down.

The first named, win the competition as they had the best score over the last nine holes.

# CHESS TITLE

In the Colony Chess Championship played yesterday Sir Henry Pollock beat K.M.A. Barnett and D. E. da Carvalho beat L. Blair.

# SEAFORTH'S SHOOTING SUCCESS

## AT H.K.R.A. MEET: SGT. BAKER WINS 1ST. & 2ND. PRIZES

## Falling Plate Final Won By Royal Marines

The second day of the local Bisley and Services Rifle Meeting was favoured by brilliant sunshine, though many of the competitors in the rifle events thought the cross-wind tricky particularly on "B" Range.

Some of the more experienced shots, however, found conditions very much to their liking for in the Deliberate Competition, fired with the ordinary Service rifle, Cpl. Langford, of the Middlesex Regiment, scored a possible while Sgt. Sargent, of the H.K. Police, was only one behind.

Another successful competitor was Sgt. Baker, also of the Middlesex Regiment, who, not content with winning first place in the Sweepstakes at 300 yards, took the second prize in his stride.

A large crowd of interested spectators gathered for the final stages of the Falling Plate Competition among whom was Brigadier J. T. Wentworth-Reeve, of Hongkong Infantry Brigade. The semi-final in this match produced a very close fight between the Seaforth Highlanders and the Rajputana Rifles "B" team, both of whom knocked down four plates in the time allowed.

The Seaforths, however, fired three rounds more than their opponents and so were counted out. The Royal Marines, of H.M.S. Tamar, beat the Rajputana Rifles in the final mainly because they were more steady.

**SEAFORTHS DO WELL**

The Seaforth Highlanders showed up very well in the Service Rifle Competition for, out of their four entries, no less than three have qualified to shoot off in the final stage for the S.R. (a) Championship which will be fired on Monday, April 1. As only 23 competitors will fire in this stage, the performance of the Seaforths is considered to be exceptionally good. Heading the list of the final 23 is R.S.M. Maslen, of the Royal Engineers, who stands a very good chance of repeating his success of last year, by again winning the Championship.

The Platoon Match, which was fired in the afternoon, produced very keen competition and some really excellent scores were recorded. The Royal Marines team from H.M.S. Tamar, with a score of 307, added another win to their successes of the day and were closely followed by two teams of the Royal Scots, with scores of 299 and 294, respectively.

Today will see the commencement of the Bisley Meeting proper and practice commences at 8.30 a.m. with the Blackdown, Camberley and Bagshot competitions in that order. The afternoon will be devoted to the Company Match while the Individual Championship will take place on the Revolver Range.

**THE RESULTS**  
Detailed results of yesterday's shooting were as follows:—

300 Yards Sweepstakes  
1st and 2nd—Serg. T. Baker, 1/Middlesex Regiment.  
Result of Falling Plate Match 1st.—H.M.S. Tamar.  
2nd.—Raj. Rifles "B."

Deliberate Class "X"  
1. Cpl. Langford, 1/Mx., 25; 2. Sgt. Sargent, H.K.P., 24; 3. Cpl. Neave, 2/R.S., 23; 4. 1/Sgt. Nunn, R.E., 23; 5. Cpl. Ghulam Mohamed, H.K.P., 23; 6. P. Stewart, 2/R.S., 22; 7. Sgt. Mayne, 1/Seaforths, 22; 8. 1/Sgt. Baker, 1/Mx., 22; 9. Pte. Milne, 2/R.S., 22; 10. Sgt. Bushman, R.N.R.S., 22; 11. Maj. White, 2/R.S., 22; 12. Lt. Le Seclleur, R.E., 22; Pte. McGregor, 2/R.S., 22; Sgt. Bremner, 2/R.S., 22; Mrs. Barton, R.N.R.S., 22; 15. L/Sgt. Vine, 2/R.S., 22; 17. R.S.M. Master, R.E., R.E., 22; Pte. Bullen, 2/R.S., 22; 19. Sgt. Bullingham, H.K.P., 21; 20. Mr. Whyte, D.R.C., 21.

The Snapshooting Competition (result of shoot off):—

Class "M"  
1. Pte. Hickenbottom, 2/R.S.; 2. Pte. Lawrie, 2/R.S.

The following have qualified to fire at 600 yards for Association S.R. Championship and S.R. Championship:—

# Home Soccer Results

## Scottish Cup Replay Ends In Draw

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—In the Third Round of the Scottish Cup competition yesterday (replay), Hearts and Airdrieonians shared four goals. The date for the next replay has not yet been fixed.

Other matches played yesterday were:—

**SCOTTISH (WESTERN)**  
Hamilton 4; Ayr 2.

Queen of South 4; Motherwell 1.

Third Lanark 3; Dumbarton 2.

**SCOTTISH (EASTERN)**  
King's Park 4; St. Bernard's 1.

Stenhousemuir 2; Hibernians 1.

# GRAND NATIONAL ACCEPTANCES

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter)—Acceptances for the Grand National have been as follows:

Royal Mail, Royal Danieli, Professor 11, Dunhill Castle, Rockgulla, Workman, Red Eagle, Dominick's Cross, Black Hawk, Kilstar, Away, Macmoffa, Knight's Brook, Milano, Venturesome Knight, Symaethis, Litigant, Le Cygne, Inverisble, Boyo, Takvor Pacha, Bogskar, National Night, Red Freeman, Underbid, Gold Arrow, Bachelor Prince, Downright, Second Act, Sterling Duke, Corn Law, Luxborough, Lazy Boots and Tuckmill.

**AMENDED PROBABLES**

The following amendments have been made to the list of probables and jockeys:

Danny Morgan will ride Milano, Mr. Loewenstein rides Bachelor Prince, Hyde rides Sterling Duke, Mr. Muir rides Away, Jones rides Bogskar, Wilson rides Boyo, Brown rides Luxborough, Nicholson rides Underbid.

The following have scratched: The Uplifter, Workman, Timber Wolf, Hillohead Prince, John Chinaman, Prime, Cordite, Alreadios, Chesterton, Bally Fox and Young Mischief.

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## COMING EVENTS

## MARON

29—Tides: High 1.55 a.m. and 12.50 p.m. Low 6.06 a.m. and 6.06 p.m.  
Sunrise: 6.20 a.m.; Sunset: 6.40 p.m.  
Institute of Engineers: Lecture on "Chemical Warfare" by Wing-Com. A. H. Steele-Perkins.  
H.K. Police Dance in aid of B.W.O.P., Peninsula Hotel.  
Crown Land Sale, D.O. South, 11 a.m.  
French Convent: Charity Performance, 8.30 p.m.  
Annual Colony Marathon, Kowloon, 5 p.m.  
St. Andrew's Church Hall, Mahjong Drive in aid of D.G.S. Building Fund.  
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.  
Y.M.C.A.: A.D.C. Presentation of "Housemaster," 9 p.m.; Games Morning, 10 a.m.  
H.K.R.A. Prize Meeting.  
Diocesan Old Boys' Assn. Annual Mtg., Lo & Lo's Office, 5.30 p.m.  
A.S. Watson and Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., H.K. Hotel, 11.30 a.m.  
Cheero Club, Davis, Table-Tennis and Billiards.  
Hongkong Club, Annual Mtg., 5.30 p.m.  
H.K. University Alumni Assn. Annual Mtg., Gloucester Building, 5.30 p.m.  
H.K. Lawn Bowls Assn. Annual Meeting.  
St. Paul's Annual Sports, 1.30 p.m.  
Colony Tennis Championships.  
Kowloon Union Church, Jumble-Sale.  
R.A.O.C.W.O.'s and Sergs' Club Monthly Dinner, Gloucester Hotel, 9 p.m.  
R.E.O.C.A. Special General Meeting, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.  
Civil Engineers Dinner, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.  
30—Tides: High 3.14 a.m. and 1.42 p.m. Low 6.35 a.m. and 8.23 p.m.  
Sunrise: 6.19 a.m.; Sunset: 6.41 p.m.  
Y.M.C.A.: A.D.C. Presentation of "Housemaster," 9 p.m.; American Tennis Tournament at King's Park, 2 p.m.  
H.K.R.A. Prize Meeting.  
Annual Children's Sports, Southern Playground, 2 p.m.  
Lawn Bowls, U.S.R.C. v. Club de Recreo, Club de Recreo, 3.30 p.m.  
H.K. Football Club Dinner and Dance, H.K. Hotel.  
Soccer: Shield Final.  
Cottage Club: Mounted Treasure Hunt, 3.30 p.m.  
R.A.M.C. Assn. Grand Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.  
R.A.O.C.W.O.'s and Sergs' Club Monthly Meeting, 11.15 a.m.  
31—Tides: High 4.47 a.m. and 3 p.m. Low 7.15 a.m. and 8.53 p.m.  
Sunrise: 6.18 a.m.; Sunset: 6.42 p.m.  
Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Redemption of Debentures.  
Band Concert, Peninsula Hotel Lounge, 9 p.m.—11 p.m.  
H.K.R.A. Prize Meeting.  
International Softball Series start, 2 p.m.  
C.S.C.C. Mixed Doubles American Tennis Tournament, 2.30 p.m.  
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.  
—Speaker: Mr. A. T. Rees on "Is Scouting Losing Its Influence?"  
Filipino Club Annual Meeting, King's Park, 3.30 p.m.

## COLONY HEALTH

Thirty-nine cases of tuberculosis, seven cases of dysentery, five cases of measles, four cases of enteric fever, two cases of cerebro-spinal fever, and one case each of diphtheria and chicken-pox were notified to the Health Department on Mar. 27.

## WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory  
10 a.m., March 28.  
Barometer (at sea level), 30.17 ins.  
Temperature, 65 F.  
Humidity, 69 per cent  
Wind Direction, E/N  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4  
Temperature, maximum yesterday 68 F.  
Temperature, minimum last night 61 F.  
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.  
Total rainfall since January 1st 9.48 ins.  
Against an average of 5.49 ins.  
Sunset, tonight, 6.37 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.19 a.m.  
4 p.m., March 28.  
Barometer (at sea level) 30.02 ins.  
Temperature, 65 F.  
Humidity, 74 per cent  
Wind Direction, E  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 5  
Maximum temperature, 68 F.  
Minimum temperature, 61 F.  
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE  
From 29 Mar. to 4 Apr. 1940.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Day of Week	Date	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	29	h.m.	ft.in.	h.m.	ft.in.
		01.55	4.6	06.06	3.4
		12.50	8.5	20.06	2.4
Sat.	30	03.14	4.3	06.35	3.6
		13.42	8.1	21.28	2.1
Sun.	31	04.47	4.1	07.15	4.0
		15.00	5.9	22.52	2.2
Mon.	1	06.20	4.4	08.38	4.4
		16.30	5.7	23.58	2.1
Tue.	2	07.25	4.5	11.05	4.2
		17.50	5.7		
Wed.	3	07.55	4.8	06.44	2.0
		18.55	5.8	12.22	2.9
Thur.	4	08.50	5.0	01.50	2.0
		19.45	5.9	13.15	2.4



Bette Davis and Miriam Hopkins in a scene from "The Old Maid," which opens at the King's Theatre tomorrow.

## Radio Programmes

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## CELLO AND PIANO RECITAL FROM THE STUDIO

Dvorak Symphony  
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

## 12.30 Latest Dance Music.

Tango—Dear Madam—Victor Silver and His Ballroom Orchestra. Quickstep—How Beautiful You Are (from "Black Velvet")—Lucky Me. Lucky You (from "Come out and play")—Victor Silver and His Ballroom Orchestra. 8/8—Entente Cordiale—Quickstep—Little Boy—Bubbles—Jack "Trump" Doyle and His Aces of Rhythm. Tango—Carnaval De Mil Barrio—Villa Amiga—Mercedes Simone and Her Tipica Trio. Slow Fox-Trot—Strange Enchantment—Waltz—Meet Again—Felix Mendelssohn's Hawaiian Serenades.

## 1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Tango—Symphony No. 102 in B Flat Major.

Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with The Mills Brothers, Ginger Rogers, Charlie Kuns and The Hottlers.

Vocal—Puccini's Punicula (Danza); Asleep in the Deep (Petrie-Lamb); The Mills Brothers (Four boys and a guitar); Vocal—The Piccolino (from "Top Hat")—Ginger Rogers with Orchestra. Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 14—Intro: Lights out; I never realised; Love is a dancing thing; Sympathy; I love the Moon; A beautiful lady in blue—Charlie Kunz. Vocal—Star Dust, Carmichael and Others; Mr. Paganini (Lambert-Richards)—The Mills Brothers (Four boys and a guitar); Harmonica Duets—Kronington Successes (arr. Hottlers); Italian Favourites (arr. Hottlers)—The Hottlers.

2.15 Close down.

8.00 An hour of Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—In A Moment of Weakness (film "Naughty But Nice"); I Don't Believe in Signs (film "Naughty But Nice")—Ray Noble and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—The 7.15 To Dreamland; Waltz—I Shall Always Remember You Smiling—Hugo Rignold and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot; This Year's Kisses (film "On the Avenue"); I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm (film "On the Avenue")—Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Tangos—A Song Without Words; Venetian Night—Emil Rooz and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Watching the Stars (film "Splinters in the Air"); Maybe It's the Spring—Ambrose and His Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trot—Rose Room; Villa—Artie Shaw and His Orchestra. Waltzes—That Naughty Waltz; Missouri Waltz—Victor Young and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—I Fall in Love With You Every Day (from "College Swing"); How'dja Like to Love Me (from "College Swing")—Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra. Tango—Do You See The Stars? I Dream of the Puzza—Emil Rooz and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—The Girl In the Upstairs Flat—Felix Mendelssohn and His Orchestra.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Variety with Quentin Maclean, Charles Kullman, Olive Gilbert and Others.

Organ—Lily of Laguna (Leslie Stuart); Little Dolly Daydream (Leslie Stuart)—Quentin Maclean. Vocal

—The Wings of Sleep (from "The Dancing Years"—Novello)—Mary Ellis and Olive Gilbert with Ivor Novello (at the Piano) and Orch. Vocal—Rose of England (from "Crest of the Wave")—Novello—Edgar Elmes (Baritone) with Orchestra and Male Chorus. Haven of your Heart (from "Crest of the Wave")—Olive Gilbert (Contralto) with Orch. Organ—Serenade (Haydn); The Song of Songs (Boya); Quentin Maclean. Vocal—The World Is Mine Tonight (Marvell and Foxford); By The Dark Lagoon (Haddley and Leigh); Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Dvorak—Symphony No. 2 in D Minor, Op. 76.

Czech Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Václav Talich.

8.40 Studio—Cello and Piano Recital by Ettore Pelligrini and Nura Kanis.

1. Indian Lament (Dvorak-Kreisler); 2. La Gitana (Kreisler); 3. Chanson Villageoise (Popper); 4. Pavane Pour Une Infante Defunte (Ravel); 5. Variations Symphoniques (Boellmann).

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 Wagner's "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg," Act III, Scenes 1-4.

Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: David, Martin Kremer (Tenor); Hans Sachs, Hans Hermann Nissen (Bass); Walther von Stolzing, Torsten Ralf (Tenor); Bockmesser, Eugen Fuchs (Bass); Eva, Margarete Tschernacher (Soprano); Magdalena, Irene Jung (Soprano) with Chorus of the Dresden State Opera and The Saxon State Orchestra. Conductor: Karl Bohm.

11.00 Close down.

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## NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary 4.00 p.m.

Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.

Trans. II & III—News Summary 6.45 p.m.

Full Bulletin 7.30 p.m.

do. 9.15 p.m.

do. 12.00 mid-night

Transmission V—News Summary 7.30 a.m.

Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

## SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

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Mondays—Background to the News ..... 11.00 p.m.  
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In England, Now ..... 11.00 p.m.  
Cards on the Table 8.00 p.m.  
Wednesdays—In England Now ..... 6.45 a.m.  
Cards on the Table 8.15 a.m.  
Matters of Moment 11.00 p.m.  
Thursdays—Matters of Moment ..... 6.45 a.m.  
Background to the News ..... 11.00 p.m.  
Fridays—In England Now ..... 11.00 p.m.  
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London Log ..... 11.15 p.m.  
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## Latest U.S. Planes Now Available For Export

### New Foreign Sales Policy Sanctioned By Committee

WASHINGTON, March 28 (Reuter).—The Secretary for War, Mr. H. H. Woodring, testified before the House of Representatives' Military Committee that the Government's new policy, permitting the export of the latest American planes, was designed to keep the United States Air Force constantly supplied with modern equipment.

Military secrets would not be disclosed nor would the United States' air expansion be delayed. Mr. Woodring said that the U.S. War Department possessed possibly six types of planes superior to any other in the world.

"NO COERCION"  
The War Department, he continued, was adjusting the foreign sales policy in various ways, including the stipulation that designs owned by the Department, or by manufacturers over whom the Department had control, would not be released for manufacture or detailed assembly abroad. Mr. Woodring added that he had worked out this policy "without coercion or pressure from anybody."

High Army officials testified that the present expansion in production facilities indicated that the United States would be able to manufacture between 30,000 and 40,000 planes yearly by the end of 1940.

TO EXPEDITE ORDERS  
The Committee then gave indirect approval to the Government's foreign sales policy. Later several plane manufacturers met Government officials to work out plans for expediting foreign orders.

HUNDREDS READY FOR IMMEDIATE USE  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—Several hundred reserve planes, now being built for the United States Army, are expected to be sold for immediate delivery to the Allies.

LONDON, March 28 (Reuter).—Lord and Lady Willington, who represented the British Government at the New Zealand Centennial Celebrations, returned home by air on Tuesday.

### NAZI "HELL SHIP" LEAVE DANISH ISLAND

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—The Nazi "Hell Ship," Altmark, of H.M.S. Cosack rescue fame, was reported on Tuesday to have left the Danish island of Langeland, which is about 50 miles from Kiel.

### Greater Efficiency & Solidarity

### BRAZILIAN PAPER FAVOURS LABOUR LEADERS IN THE CABINET

LONDON, March 28 (Reuter).—The Rio de Janeiro paper, Journal do Brasil, examining the possibility of the reconstruction of the British Cabinet, says that the inclusion of the Labour leaders would create a greater efficiency and solidarity.

FRENCH CABINET  
The Journal de Commerce appreciates the remodelled French Cabinet as the source of greater strength.

The Journal suggests a possible connection between the decision of the United States to sell 600 Army planes to the Allies and the failure of the mission undertaken lately by Mr. Sumner Welles.

## DENMARK CONDEMNS GERMANY'S WANTON ATTACKS ON NEUTRAL SHIPS

### BRITAIN WILL NOT RECOGNISE WANG REGIME

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that, although it is inevitable that some foreign business interests will, of necessity, have to work in with the new "Government" in China under Wang Chingwei, so far as the British authorities are concerned, it is understood that their attitude will be one of complete non-recognition.

### WORLD PAYS TRIBUTE

### HIGH FUNERAL FOR MR. SAVAGE

LONDON, March 28 (Reuter).—A high funeral for Mr. M. J. Savage, late Premier of New Zealand, will be held on Sunday.

DEEP REGRET  
The news of his death has been received everywhere with deep regret and messages of condolence have been sent from all parts of the English speaking world, including one from Gen. Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa.

In a leading article, the Daily Telegraph expresses its regrets that the late Mr. Savage will not be able to play his part in the Imperial discussions, which must come in the future, as he might have had a great part to play.

GREAT LEADER  
The papers continue that the late Premier had already forged the spearhead of New Zealand's effort and determined her policy in one of the most decisive hours for her future, and also that of Europe.

Commenting on the late Mr. Savage's reform work, the Manchester Guardian says that he had led a Dominion which, in many ways, was too conservative to take steps in social reform, and has set an example for the democracies. His name will have its place among those of the most sincere social reformers that the British democracies have produced.

### PREMIER'S TRIBUTE

LONDON, Mar. 28 (BWS).—The profound regret with which news of the death of Mr. M. J. Savage, Prime Minister of New Zealand, has been received here is reflected in a message sent by Mr. Neville Chamberlain to the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Chamberlain says that in Mr. Savage New Zealand has lost a leader whose selfless devotion to his cause and progress was an inspiration and an example.

We, in this country, had unhappily little opportunity of knowing personally one whose life was spent in a distant Dominion, but those of us who met him when he visited England in 1937 recognized in him a statesman of wise counsel, whose sincerity could never be doubted. In the difficult times through which the world has since been passing, we knew Mr. Savage had always at heart the ideals and principle for which the British Commonwealth stands. His death will be mourned not only in New Zealand but throughout the Empire.

### OVERSEAS CHINESE RELIEF GROUP

HONGKONG, Mar. 28 (Central).—Interviewed by press representatives, Mr. Tan Kah-kee, prominent Chinese industrial magnate in Singapore and Chairman of the Overseas Chinese Relief General Association of the South Seas, who arrived here from Bangkok by plane yesterday afternoon, said a relief group of fifty overseas Chinese is on its way to China and is expected to arrive in Chungking towards the beginning of next month.

Apart from inspecting the reconstruction work in the wartime capital, the group will visit the front lines and distribute comforts to the fighters.

Mr. Tan emphasised the unswerving support of the overseas Chinese to the National Government. All the 11,000,000 Chinese people abroad, he said, are patriotic sons and daughters of their Fatherland and are confident in the final prevalence of China's just cause.

Aside from the comfort things the group is bringing, Mr. Tan revealed, Chinese people in the Dutch East Indies have purchased 300,000 guilders worth of quinine while those in Malaya have also bought a valuable lot of medicine for pressing needs in China.

## WANTON ATTACKS ON NEUTRAL SHIPS

### Seven Danish Vessels Lost In Eight Days

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—On Tuesday night, in the Danish Parliament, every member rose when the Prime Minister expressed the nation's grief at the destruction of seven Danish ships in the past eight days, with the loss of 80 lives, by Nazi submarines and mines.

He condemned Germany's actions against neutrals and her refusal to respect their right to carry on trade, which was essential for their existence.

As a result of the Nazi sea warfare, Danish exports have fallen and prices for imported goods have risen so that the Government will now have to impose heavy new taxes.

### DUTCH FISHERMEN INTIMIDATED

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—The crews of ten Netherlands trawlers refused yesterday to put to sea. Great alarm has been caused by the story told by the captains of two trawlers who reached their home port on Tuesday.

They were stopped by a German warship, they report, and were taken to the naval base of Borkum, where their ships' papers and their passports were examined.

They were then released and told not to fish east of 4 degrees East Longitude. This means that they cannot fish in Dutch home waters as the line runs almost along their own whole Dutch coast, from 15 to 50 miles out.

### DUTCH VESSEL

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—A Netherlands ship is believed to have been lost as a result of Nazi sea warfare. She is the 400-ton coastal ship Saba, of which nothing has been heard for a week. She had a crew of seven. The Saba reported that she was being attacked by a German plane in the North Sea three weeks ago and that she had been damaged. It is presumed that the damage rendered her unseaworthy and that she sank while trying to get home.

### NORWEGIAN VICTIM

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—Forty-two survivors, including three women and two children, from the Norwegian steamer Cometa (3,794 tons) were landed at a Scottish port after their ship had been sunk.

### RECALL OF SOVIET ENVOY TO FRANCE

MOSCOW, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—As the French objection to M. Souritz, the Soviet Ambassador, was of a personal character, it is understood that the incident has been settled by his recall. The U.S.S.R. will now have to decide whether to appoint a new Ambassador or leave the Embassy to the Charge d'Affaires.

### CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, March 28 (Reuter).—The Postmaster General has given notice that all correspondences to persons who are members of crews on board all ships, except those under charter to the Government, must be addressed care of the owner or agents, and not care of the General Post Office.

LONDON, March 28 (Reuter).—The Royal Albert Hall will be reopened, but will have to conform with police regulations, in that accommodation will be limited to 5,000 persons and not 7,500 as hitherto.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 28 (Havas).—Nearly four million copies of scriptures were distributed last year by the China Bible House, formerly known as the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the American Bible Society. This fact was revealed in the annual report of the Rev. W. H. Hudspeth, before the Shanghai Auxiliary branch of the Society.

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Havas).—A large number of troops are being trained at present in North and South Rhodesia and will soon be sent to the French front and Near East, it was officially revealed here.

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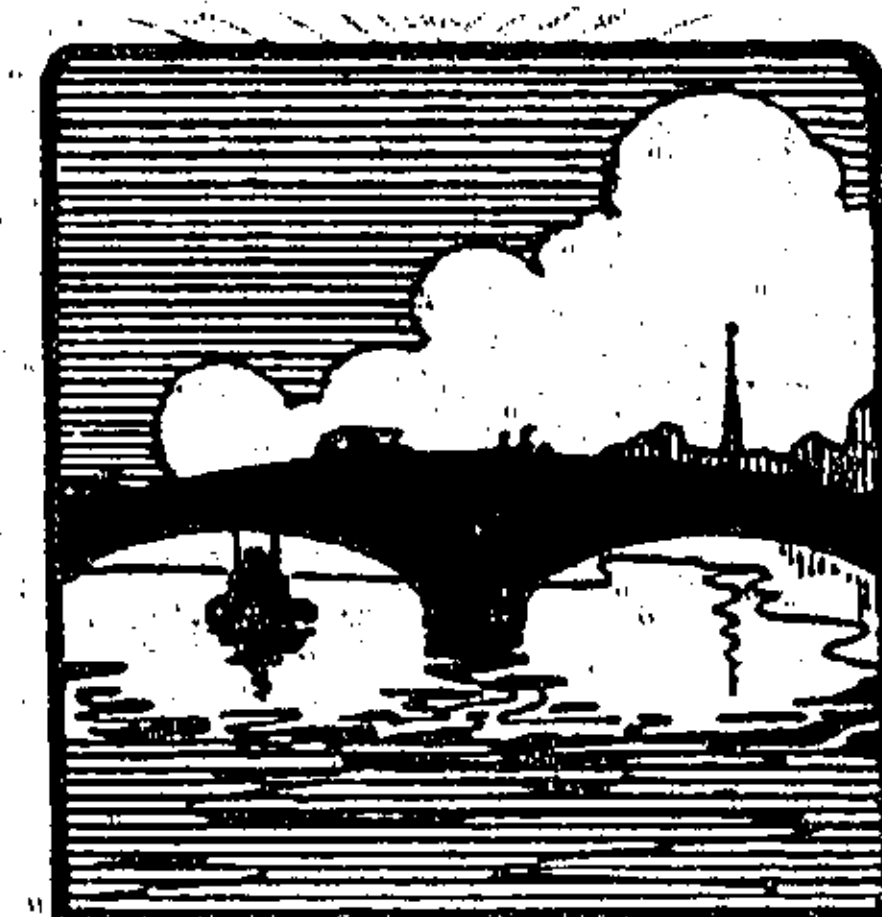
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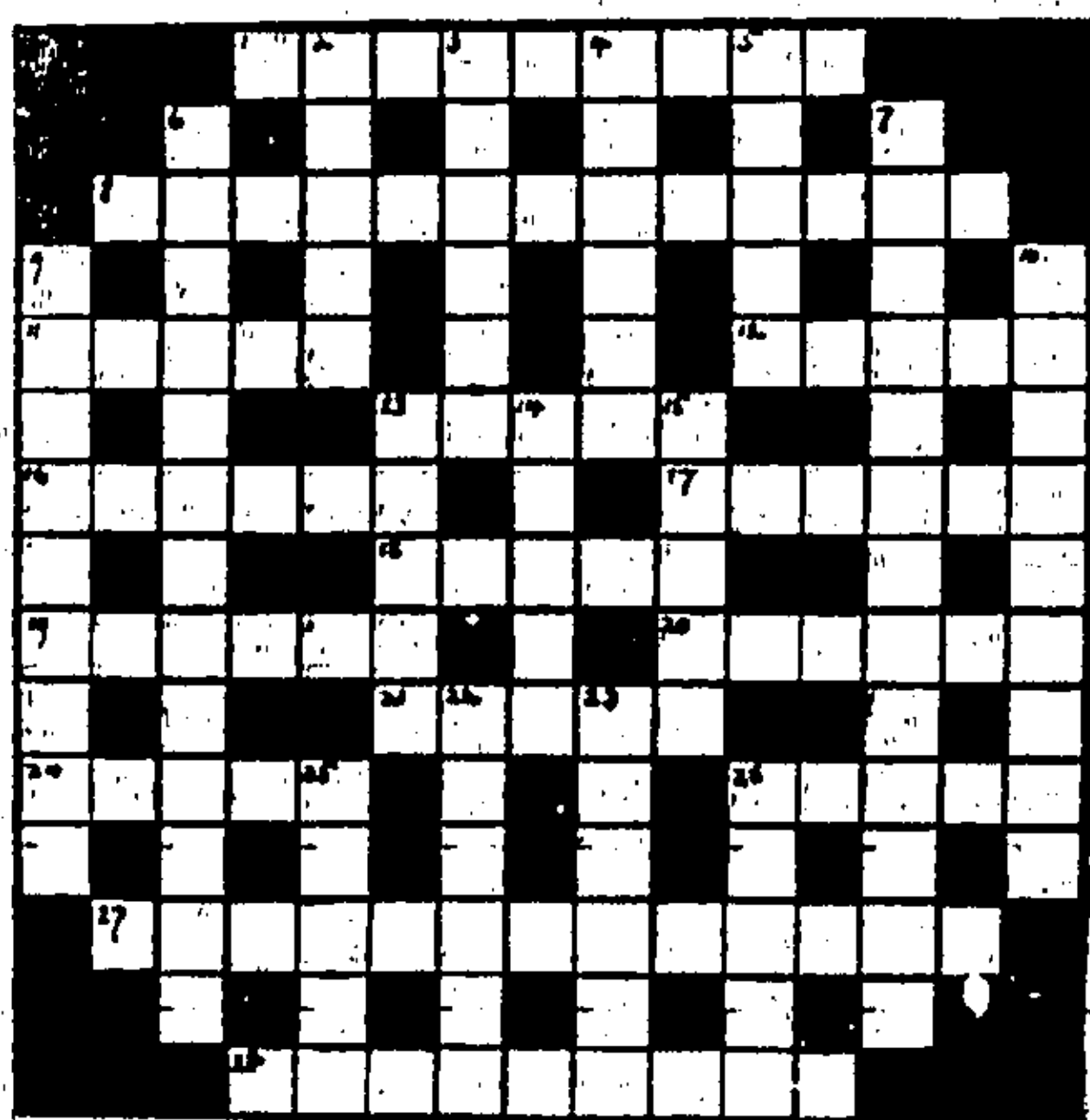
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1. He flew 5 down (2 words, 5 and 4).
2. See 9 down (2 words, 8 and 7).
3. County in brief.
4. "Didst thou never see—kiss a dish—of butter?" (Shakespeare).
5. Prophets.
6. A or B?
7. Storm-centre.
8. American city.
9. A tin one is very useful nowadays.
10. War-time depression.
11. At one time men put heretics to death (hidden).
12. Refuse a number coming to the town.
13. A part of Bartle's idyll.
14. Noah would have found such illumination useful (2 words, 5 and 8).
15. Not the accommodation for a passenger travelling steerage.

1. Joke.
2. 22 down would probably remark to-day that "something is rotten in the state of" this.
3. Promote.
4. Fifty coming into view here would appear small.
5. Jules Verne's allowance for the trip has been considerably reduced (3 words, 5, 3 and 5).
6. Suitable conveyances for removals 6 down?
7. 8 across is a place likely to be known by those who visit them (2 words, 3 and 8).
8. Can be taken on holiday on 9 down.
9. Contemptuous sound.
10. Exalted.
11. 28 across, but there's no "good".
12. See 3 down.
13. One who brings Edgar Wallace to mind.
14. Robust.
15. A number to combine to make a game.

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# TELEPHONE AMENDMENT BILL READ FIRST TIME

## Big Saving For Govt. To Follow Change - Over

### Tribute To Ability And Tact Of Mr. J. H. Taggart

The first reading of the Telephone Amendment Bill, 1940 the main features of which are that an additional royalty of half of the surplus profits of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd. over and above the amount required to pay a 12 per cent. dividend shall be payable to the Government, and that Government shall be provided free of charge with a service up to 500 lines, took place at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, at which His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, presided.

Rising to move the first reading of the Bill, the Financial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, said:—

#### UNSATISFACTORY FRANCHISE

The Taxation Committee which you, Sir, appointed in 1938 "to consider and report what methods of taxation could best be adopted in the Colony, should it be necessary to raise additional revenue, having regard to the Colony's general economic position and the importance of distributing any additional burden in the most equitable manner in relation to the incidence of existing taxation" among its minor recommendations under the heading Utility Companies, stated, in connection with the Telephone Company, "We are informed that the present franchise of this Company is unsatisfactory in various ways both to the Company and to Government and we recommend that the possibility of revision in such a manner as to secure higher royalties for Government, while removing the features which are at present objectionable to the Company, should be investigated in collaboration with the Company."

Before the Telephone Ordinance No. 9 of 1925, which it is now proposed further to amend, was introduced into this Council, a Resolution moved by the then Colonial Secretary, Sir Claud Severn, was passed.

#### That Resolution described

the negotiations which led up to the determination under the Ordinance of the franchise to operate telephone which had been granted in 1905 by the Government to the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited and the creation of its successor, the present Hongkong Telephone Company.

#### DOLLAR BASIS DESIRED

The main objects of Government in 1925 were to secure that the Company should in future be domiciled in Hongkong and work on a dollar basis and to provide an improved telephone service in the Colony. The first object was realised by requirements in respect of the registration and articles of the Company and the number and residence of its directors. They must all be bona fide residents in Hongkong. The present Bill merely increases their number.

#### OBJECT ACHIEVED

There can be no doubt, I think, that the second object also has been achieved and that the achievement is due to the efficiency of this Hongkong Company working within the scheme of an Ordinance which places the ultimate control of its activities in the hands of the Governor-in-Council and of this Council.

In framing an Ordinance governing a public utility company the interests of three parties have to be considered, though in a final analysis these may be reduced to two: the public generally, and that part of the public which subscribes for the services rendered by the Company, and the shareholders of the Company. The 1925 Ordinance, therefore, in addition to making provision for a royalty, controlled both dividends and subscription rates.

#### PAYMENT TO GOVERNMENT

The net profits of the Company were dealt with in the resolution as follows:—

They were to be used:—  
Firstly, in payment to Government, as the representative of the public, of a royalty of 44 in respect of each direct exchange line telephone;

Secondly, in payment to the shareholders of the Company of a minimum dividend of 8 per cent. per annum rising to 12 per cent. per annum;

Thirdly, in the event of the net profits exceeding 12 per cent. per annum then as to the difference between 12 per cent. and 18 per

cent. half thereof was to be distributed in further dividends and the remaining half employed in the reduction of the subscription rates; the dividend payable to shareholders being limited to a maximum rate of 15 per cent.

Any additional surplus was to be used solely for the reduction of subscription rates.

#### A "HIGH" DOLLAR

Effect was given to these proposals by the Telephone Ordinance, 1925. According to the schedule of that Ordinance the annual rate to be paid by subscribers per exchange line within Victoria, Kowloon and the Peak district was \$108, subject to revision upwards if the rate was found to be insufficient to make provision for an efficient service and for the payment of the minimum dividend of 8 per cent. per annum. In this connection it will be remembered that the dollar in 1925 was the equivalent of 2/4d.

In 1930 the annual rate was increased, with the approval of this Council to \$117 per exchange line, at which figure it has remained. With the flat rate basis, by which subscribers in Hongkong may have unlimited calls for the standard rate of subscription, it is difficult to make accurate comparison; yet it may safely be said that the Hongkong telephone subscription rate compares favourably with the lowest to be found elsewhere and that the modern service provided is of a high standard notwithstanding the exacting climatic conditions. The interests of the subscriber have, therefore, been well served.

#### GOOD GUIDANCE

I would remark in passing that the Telephone Committee, 1922, appointed to report on the telephone service in Hongkong recommended an annual rate of \$120 for the year 1926 under the Old manual system and expected that the cost of a modernised system would necessitate a further substantial increase in that figure. That the charges had been kept down to the present rate has been due to a combination of two factors: the good fortune and the good guidance of the Hongkong Telephone Company.

#### KEEN FORESIGHT

The Company was fortunate in that its equipment was purchased during a period of keen competition among manufacturers at about one-third of what it would cost to-day, and it has shown its foresight in providing a large margin of plant for future growth at the favourable prices which then prevailed. The Company has been run economically and the premium at which its shares were issued was utilised to write off old plant, while no bonus shares have been issued at any time.

As the Taxation Committee remarked, however, there are certain features in the Ordinance under which the Company functions which are not satisfactory to the Company; for instance, it is argued that the absolute limit of 15 per cent. dividend is inequitable because the high rate of profits is due largely to the efficiency of the Company, and to the Canton line which was not in existence when the original arrangement was made. An absolute maximum gives the Company no incentive to earn further profits by greater efficiency and economy after that point has been reached.

Moreover, the present system of contributing to a reserve fund for the redemption of the Company's capital is not entirely satisfactory. A fixed sum of \$170,488 is put aside yearly, which is sufficient to amortise the whole capital by 1975.

But interest on investments of that fund goes into general profit and loss account, while there is no provision for dealing with depreciation of these investments.

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## BEAUTIFUL OPERAETTA AT FRENCH CONVENT

BETTY MANSELL  
EXCELS

A captivated audience saw "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," a beautiful juvenile operaetta in four acts, staged in the aid of charity at the French Convent Hall, Causeway Bay, by the girl students of the school, yesterday afternoon.

Two youngsters stole the show at the performance yesterday. "Sneezy" convulsed the audience with laughter, while eight-year-old Betty Mansell won warm applause when she sang an amusing song, "Umbrella Man," accompanied by Mrs. Mansell at the piano.

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was an undoubted success, coupled with melodious singing throughout.

#### "HEI HO."

One of the endearing scenes was when the seven dwarfs came in singing "Hei Ho!" and discovered Snow White stretched in sleep over seven, neat, little white beds. In a row with their respective owners' names all marked.

Contributing to the success of the programme between intervals was a recitation of "The Little Lord Jesus" by Morris Ward, and Rena Keown's singing of "Mary of Argyle." Miss Cecilia Passos rendered, at the piano, two pleasing pieces, "Emile," Waldesutzel's "España," and "La Gitana" (Carl Heins).

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" is to be repeated today at 5.30 p.m. at the Convent, the cast, of which is as follows:—

Princess Snow White, Margaret Choa; Freda Stephens; Queen, Lina Luongo; Paula Hollands; Arbutus, Vilma Coelho; Daffodil, Mary Swaine; Violet, Olga Noronha; Prince, Jacqueline Anderson; Carl the Huntsman, Jamalee Curran; Seven Dwarfs, Class 7A: Kindergarten Boys; Grumpy, Hil-da Stevens; Happy, Doreen Chiu; Forest Children, Class 8; Full Chorus, Junior Classes.

## FORMER BROKER ON TRIAL AT SESSIONS

The trial of Kwok Shin-chan, broker, formerly of the China Import and Export Co., on four counts of receiving 158 reals of counterfeit money, opened at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and, after a whole day's hearing, was adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

The defendant, giving evidence, said that when he was employed on the Ta Kung Pao he used to order about 2,000 lbs of paper for them every month through Hsu Kuo-chen who was empowered to sign for the Paper. Hsu was held in high regard by his employers.

#### RECEIVED COMMISSION

Kwok denied any part in the sale of the paper to the Wing yuen Company. He received commission on sales.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. Peter H. Shi, appeared for the prosecution, while accused was represented by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

The jury comprised Messrs. P. K. Pavri (foreman), B. J. Tavares, V. T. Low, Leung Tan-kwong, Yee Ting-sheung Chan Chau-ke and M. A. Xavier.

Mr. d'Almada said that the Ta Kung-pao, owners of the paper, purchased large quantities of paper which was stored in the godowns at Holt's Wharf. Delivery orders were made out when paper was required. The firm employed a man, Hsu who attended to English correspondence and to the issue of delivery orders, and who had now absconded.

When the Ta Kung Pao entered into the contract with the China Export and Import Co., the market price for newspaper was something like seven or eight cents per pound. Shortly before the outbreak of war, the price increased to 11 cents and in December it was 14 cents per pound.

In the Police Court Kwok made a statement to the effect that it was Hsu who actually bought the newspaper, and not the Ta Kung Pao.

## St. George's Day Show On April 19

### GALA PERFORMANCE AT THE KING'S

St. George's Day will be observed with a gala performance of Warner Brothers' film "Elizabeth and Essex," starring Bette Davis and Errol Flynn, to be given at the King's Theatre on Friday, April 19, at 9.30 p.m. when there will also be a Military band in attendance. The function is being organised in conjunction with the Entertainment Committee of the British War Organisation Fund.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

This decision was announced at the annual meeting of the Society of St. George, Hongkong, held in the Board Room of the Hongkong Jockey Club yesterday afternoon, with Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.O., Vice-President, in the Chair in the absence of Mr. J. K. Bousfield, President. Mr. Wilkinson was a former President of the Society of St. George in Shanghai.

Proposing the adoption of the report and statement of accounts for the year ended Dec. 31, 1939, Mr. Wilkinson said, in part:—

The general funds show a reduction of \$33.85 when compared with the previous year; this, however, represents a considerable improvement over 1938, where expenditure exceeded income by \$678.63.

Income has remained practically unaltered but expenditure under the head of Grants and Donations shows a considerable saving compared with 1938. I should like to express my appreciation of the assistance and co-operation which we have received from the Hongkong Benevolent Society, the British Legion and the Police in connection with our charitable work. Members will no doubt be interested to hear that three of the persons assisted have since obtained employment in the Colony and, in one case, the assistance was refunded.

#### NO APPEAL

No appeal has been made this year for donations to assist in our charitable work, but I hope that members will continue to contribute, as they have done in the past, by sending along at least \$5 instead of \$3, which is the amount of the annual subscription.

The 1939 Ball resulted in a profit of \$224; no Ball has been held since the outbreak of war.

Our membership, although showing a slight increase over the previous year, does not grow as I should like to see it. I realise that members receive nothing in return for their subscriptions except the satisfaction of knowing that they may have helped some Englishman to make the grade, as that is how the major portion of our income is spent each year. I hope that members will do all they can to make the present year a record for new members. The adoption was seconded by Lt. Col. E. J. Mitchell and carried unanimously.

#### NEW PRESIDENT

On the proposal of Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, seconded by Mr. R. A. Camidge, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson was elected President.

Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., was elected Vice-President on the proposition of Mr. W. L. Dowbiggin, seconded by Lt. Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

The following were elected to the Committee, on the proposal of Mr. R. P. Phillips, seconded by Mr. T. C. Fairburn: Messrs. C. B. Brown, R. A. Camidge, P. S. Cassidy, W. A. Cornell, J. D. Danby, F. C. Hall, V. C. Labrum,

G. Miskin, C. C. Roberts, G. G. N. Tinson, M. C. Very Rev. J. L. Wilson and Mr. G. G. Wood. Messrs. Linstead & Davis were re-elected Secretaries and Treasurers at a fee of \$20.00 per annum, on the proposal of Mr. E. Cock, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cornell.

#### THOSE PRESENT

Present at the meeting were:—Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.O., in the Chair; Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. E. D. Cock, M.B.E., and Lt. Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E. (Past President); Messrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., R. A. Camidge, P. S. Cassidy, W. A. Cornell, J. D. Danby, G. Miskin (Committee) and Lt. Col. E. J. Mitchell, O.B.E. Messrs. R. P. Phillips, T. C. Fairburn, J. H. A. Hance and A. Sommerfeld (representing Messrs. Linstead & Davis).

## COLONY'S PRISONS ARE TAXED TO LIMIT: ROOM FOR OVER 1,000 NEEDED

Employment of first offenders, serving short terms of sentences, on construction of Hongkong defence works is one of the phases of the reorganisation of conditions in local prisons which are mentioned in the annual report of the Prisons Department for the year 1939, tabled in Legislative Council yesterday.

The reorganisation, envisaged in last year's report, proceeded steadily and smoothly up to the outbreak of war, says the report.

#### PRISON DIVIDED

The segregation of Chinese first offenders from previous offenders was completed in July by the division of the prison into two sections. Except in the hospital no contact is now possible between sections.

Within each section prisoners are classified into long term and short term prisoners, and each class wears distinctive clothing.

All work outside the prison is done by short term first offenders, and on occasion they have been sent several miles in lorries for labour on defence works.

#### NEW INDUSTRY

Long term first offenders are employed in the kitchens, laundry, tailor shop and in the mikan, shoemaking and leather working industries.

Previous offenders are employed in the printing shop and in the carpentering, tinsmithing and coil industries. A new industry is being started in this section early in 1940: concrete block making. Two machines for this purpose have been ordered and are now on their way from England.

Each section carries out its own domestic duties with the exception of the cooking and preparation of meals which is done for the whole prison by long term first offenders.

#### EXPERIMENT SUCCESSFUL

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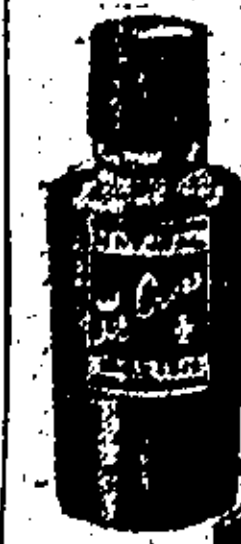
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GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH  
ORDINARY YEARLY MEET-  
ING of the Company (since  
registration) will be held at the  
Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong,  
on FRIDAY, the 29TH MARCH,  
1940, at 11.30 a.m., for the pur-  
pose of receiving the Report of  
the General Managers together  
with a Statement of Accounts for  
the year ended 31ST OCTOBER,  
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of  
the Company will be CLOSED  
from THURSDAY, the 21ST  
MARCH, 1940, to FRIDAY, the  
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General Managers.

Hong Kong, 14th March, 1940.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-first Ordinary  
General Meeting of Shareholders  
will be held at the Offices of the  
undersigned on Thursday, the 4th  
April, 1940, at Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report  
of the General Managers, together  
with a statement of Accounts for  
the year ended the 31st Decem-  
ber, 1939.

The Share Register and Trans-  
fer Books will be closed from the  
21st March, to the 4th April,  
1940, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 14th March, 1940.

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Notice to Shareholders.

THE FIFTY-THIRD OR-  
DINARY ANNUAL MEETING  
OF SHAREHOLDERS will be  
held at the Office of Messrs.  
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.  
on TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL,  
1940, at NOON, for the purpose  
of receiving the Report of the  
Directors and the Statement of  
Accounts for the year ended 31st  
December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the  
Company will be CLOSED from  
SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH,  
1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd  
APRIL, 1940, both days in-  
clusive.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th March, 1940.

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## ADVERTISEMENT

HONG KONG CLUB

## NOTICE

The Ninety Sixth Annual  
General Meeting of the Members  
of the Hong Kong Club will be  
held in the Club House on  
Friday, March 29, 1940, at 5.30  
p.m.

By order of the Committee,  
C. TRENCHARD DAVIS,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 18, 1940.

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tunes of Malaya, and, to a  
significant extent, of China's  
wartime foreign trade, are  
indissolubly linked.

AS A STRATEGIC MAT-  
TERIAL, tin has come into  
much greater demand since  
the outbreak of war. Early  
in November, all internation-  
al production restrictions  
were removed, and the quota  
was raised to 100 per cent.  
It is certain that, with the  
passage of the months, many  
new mines will be opened,  
workings previously consid-  
ered to be unprofitable will be  
exploited, and the industry  
will enter a period of great  
prosperity—the prosperity, in  
many cases, of the armament  
maker and war profiteer.

WITHIN THE BRITISH  
EMPIRE, tin will find many  
new uses and recover some  
old ones, in which it had  
previously been superseded  
by other metals—metals  
which will now be devoted to  
more urgent needs. For in-  
stant, tinned iron is likely to  
come once more to the fore  
in the manufacture of mil-  
itary equipment that requires  
a cheap, non-corrosive, and  
plentiful metal. A recent  
survey indicated that, should  
this equipment be made of  
stainless steel, 15 per cent of  
the raw materials for it would  
have to be imported, if of  
brass, copper, or nickel, an  
average of 10 to 25 per cent,  
if of tinned iron—only two  
per cent. In many ordinary  
uses, such as canteens, cook-  
ing vessels, etc., the metal  
will replace its most formid-  
able rival in these fields—  
aluminium, because alumin-  
um is needed for planes.

THE STRATEGIC IMPOR-  
TANCE of tin is seen from  
the fact that the Special  
Sub-Committee on Foreign  
Affairs of the American  
House of Representatives re-  
cently devoted a section of its  
report to the possible serious  
effect of the shortage of this  
metal in the United States,  
where it is not domestically  
produced. The report point-  
ed out that "tin is essential  
in the manufacture of cer-  
tain munitions and certain  
ordnance" and listed among  
its uses by the army, machine-  
guns, pistols, rifles, gun-  
mounts and carriages, mili-  
tary vehicles, fuse-setters for  
bombs and shells, helmets,  
range-finders, cameras, etc.

The navy also requires it, be-  
sides the uses mentioned  
above, for engines, propeller

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splendidly met."

These remarks were made by His Excellency the Governor, Sir  
Geoffrey Northcote, when he inspected the Hongkong Police Force  
yesterday and presented medals and awards.

The parade was under the com-  
mand of Mr. L. H. C. Calhoun,  
Superintendent of Police.

There was a large gathering  
present including Hon. Mr. N. L.  
Smith, Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall,  
Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr.  
M. K. Lo, Mr. W. N. Thomas, Mr.  
Mr. Ho Kam-tong and Mr. M. P.  
Talati.

## GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

H. E. the Governor said:—  
It must be with very great  
gratification that you have wit-  
nessed at this year's parade so  
great a number of your comrades  
receiving either medals or com-  
mendations for good services ren-  
dered by them. Certainly it sent  
a glow of pride through me as  
I had the privilege and pleasure  
of meeting and speaking to each  
of those who figure on the list  
of distinctions.

In the Police Force we have  
been awarded one King's Police  
Medal for conspicuous bravery,  
seven Colonial Police Medals for  
conspicuous gallantry, seventeen  
special commendations for cour-  
age and devotion to duty and  
bars thereto: the District Watch  
has earned no less than eight  
medals for faithful service and  
good work. That is a magnificent  
record and I am proud to have  
the telling of it.

There are one or two points  
which call for special comment.

## PROUD ENTRY

Firstly, Police Detective Tam  
Chung is the first Chinese police-  
man to receive the King's Police  
Medal. That medal, as you know,  
is but rarely given and only for  
very highly distinguished conduct.  
The devoted courage of Police  
Detective Tam Chung and of  
his gallant comrade Wan Man,  
who fall in the execution of his  
duty, will always be a proud entry  
in this Colony's Roll of Honour.

That there should be no less  
than seven Colonial Police Medals  
for gallant conduct throws a  
strong light upon the varied duties  
which befall the Hongkong Police.  
All were earned under fire; six of  
them by disregard of danger and  
devotion to duty during the fight-  
ing which took place on our bor-  
ders in November 1938; and the seventh  
by a Chinese detective who, though  
wounded, bravely stuck to the chase of some armed  
robbers in Kowloon and helped to  
a rest them.

A third point—and a very  
gratifying one—is that the Com-  
mendation List contains the  
names of six members of the  
civilian Interpretation and Trans-  
lation Staff. For the best of  
reasons very little is known by  
the public of the heavy and  
responsible work undertaken in  
the Special Branch so that the  
debt which the community owes  
to these able and industrious  
public servants is all too little.

shafts, compasses, torpedo  
tubes, and other purposes.  
The increased consumption in  
wartime of tinned foods is  
also likely to make inroads  
into national reserves of the  
metal.

AS A RESULT of this posi-  
tion, the United States is now  
one of the greatest importers  
of tin from British Malaya,  
buying a quantity of which  
the metal far in excess of its or-  
dinary peace-time require-  
ments.

THE REPORTED NEGOTI-  
ATIONS covering the ex-  
change of tin from Yunnan  
for materials for the con-  
struction of the new Yunnan-  
Burma railway are an indica-  
tion of the ways in which  
China's overseas trade is be-  
ginning to benefit from the  
rise in the value of this  
material which, with its re-  
serves of the rare metals  
tungsten and antimony, will  
help the country to maintain  
an even keel financially  
through the long struggle for  
its independence which still  
lies ahead.



Detective Tam Chung, of the  
Chinese contingent of the  
Hongkong Police Force, wear-  
ing the King's Police Medal  
which was presented to him by  
His Excellency the Governor  
yesterday.

realized. I am glad that a little  
light has fallen upon it today.

## GREAT PLEASURE

The awards to the District  
watch Force are also a source  
of great pleasure. That body's steady  
and faithful performance of duty  
is of very great value to the  
Colony and the award given today  
are most well deserved.

Officers and men, I congratulate  
you very warmly on your record  
for the year. Not one but now  
two are making heavy additional  
claims upon your discipline but  
those claims are being splendidly  
met. I wish you all success dur-  
ing the current year and am con-  
fident that you will achieve it.

LIST OF MEDALS  
AWARDED, 1939

King's Police Medal—Det. P.C.  
C823 Tam Chung—For conspicu-  
ous bravery on June 5, 1939, when  
he, together with the late Det.  
P.C. C812 Wan Man, at great  
personal risk, tackled two armed  
robbers. Shots were exchanged  
and Wan Man was fatally injured.  
One of the robbers was shot and  
killed by Tam Chung. With assis-  
tance, he arrested the other rob-  
ber who had a loaded revolver in  
his possession.

Colonial Police Medal (for con-  
spicuous gallantry)—Chief Insp.  
F.E.E. Booker, Insp. F.D.B.  
Tuckett, P.S. A190 G.C. Taylor,  
P.S. A36 W.S. McHardy, L.S. A30  
C.S. Pile, Coxswain W112 Chan  
Hing and Det. P.C. C108 Tang Ka.

Colonial Police Long Service  
Medal—Insp. L.R. Whant, Insp.  
F.D.E. Tuckett, Sub-Insp. B.  
Thorpe, Sub-Insp. W.H. Nolloth,  
Sub-Insp. G.W. Moreton, Sergt.  
Major Hassie Khan, P.S. B149 Teja  
Khan, P.S. B14 Chanchal Singh,  
L.S. B207 Fattah Khan, P.S. C138  
Lau Yu, P.S. C402 Wong Yat-ming,  
P.S. C400 Yim Ki, L.S. C51 Mak  
Siu-po, P.C. C283 Lam Man, P.C.  
C599 Lam Yee, P.C. C422 Lin Puk.

First Bar to Colonial Police Long  
Service Medal—Actg. Sub-Insp.  
Arjan Singh, P.S. B318 Hazara  
Singh, P.S. C136 Ho Piu, P.S. C540  
Ip Chak, P.S. C123 Li Sung.

Second Bar to Police Long Ser-  
vice Medal—Sergt. Major Kwan  
Hing-nam.

D.W. FORCE MEDALS  
FOR 1939

First Class (for long and faith-  
ful service and good work)—Asst.  
Head D.W. 109 Wong Yiu.

Second Class (for long and  
faithful service and good work)—  
Det. D.W. 34 Wong Ching-ki and  
Det. D.W. 110 Lau Shun.

Third Class (for long and faith-  
ful service)—D.W. 10 Wong Shul-  
wah and D.W. 13 Chan Ping, and  
D.W. 28 Chan Lit.

Third Class (for exceptionally  
good work during the past five  
years)—Det. D.W. 51 Yip Wai.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S  
COMMENDATIONS

Chief Insp. A.H. Elston—For  
excellent work in the Special  
Branch.

Insp. A. E. Carey—For zeal and  
resolute action in organizing and  
conducting a search party which  
led to the arrest, in dangerous  
circumstances, of three out of five

High Honour  
For Chinese  
Detective

An outstanding feature of  
the Police parade was the  
presentation of the King's  
Police Medal to Chinese  
Detective, Tam Chung for  
conspicuous bravery.

Tam Chung is the first  
member of the Asiatic con-  
tingent to receive the high  
honour in the Hongkong  
Police Force, and it is  
learned, is the first re-  
cipient of the medal in the  
Force for bravery.

SPLENDID  
HARP, SONG  
RECITAL

A splendid harp and song recital  
was given last night in the Rose  
Room of the Peninsula Hotel in aid  
of the Foreign Auxiliary to the  
National Red Cross Society of  
China.

Solange Renie (Mme. Siguret)  
accompanied by a string orchestra,  
under the direction of Mr. J. R. M.  
Smith, rendered a number of harp  
solos while Angelika Messler-  
Steinschneider (mezzo-soprano),  
accompanied by Mr. E. O'Neill  
Shaw, sang two groups of songs.

Solange Renie's programme in-  
cluded Garden after the Rain,  
Siciliana (18th Century), La Melo-  
dieuse (18th Century), and Deux  
Chansons Populaires, Clair de Lune,  
Serenade, and La Source.

Ever Gentler Grows My Slum-  
ber, in the Church Yard, Aria de  
Dalla and Air de Salome were  
among the songs sung by Angelika  
Messler-Steinschneider.

YOUTH RESCUED  
IN HARBOUR

Jumping into the harbour from  
the Mongkok-Hongkong ferry, Mar  
Cheung, in an attempt to commit  
suicide about 2 p.m. yesterday, an  
18-year-old youth named Li Kin  
was rescued by a seaman, Lam  
Tong.

Artificial respiration was applied  
when the youth was brought  
aboard the ferry, and when the  
launch reached the Island, Li was  
sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.  
He was described as suffering  
from shock, otherwise his condi-  
tion was favourable.

of the armed robbers in connexion  
with the armed robbery at the  
Wing Cheung Goldsmith's shop,  
Shanghai Street, on May 30, 1939.  
At the August Criminal Sessions,  
first accused was sentenced to life  
imprisonment, second accused to  
five years' hard labour and third  
accused to ten years' hard labour.  
Insp. A.E. Carey, Sub-Insp. B.  
Barnie, P.S. A198 N.B. Fraser,  
L.S. A147 C. Pope, Interpreter Ip  
Hoi-to, Interpreter Chau Ying-sze,  
Interpreter Lo Fuk-chuen, Inter-  
preter Fung Yiu-long, Interpreter  
Chan Tat-choi and Translator Man  
Sai-kyong—For zealous industry  
and ability in work connected with  
a complicated case of breach of  
the Tele-Communications Ordinance  
in premises at 771, Nathan  
Road, on Sept. 26, 1939.

Insp. F.D.B. Tuckett—For the  
exemplary manner with which he  
carried out his duties as D.I.V.  
during the period Feb. 14, 1938, to  
Jan. 25, 1940.

P. S. A150 R. R. Ellis—Highly  
commended for ability and zeal  
in the investigation and report  
on a complicated case of breach  
of the Tele-Communications Ord-  
inance in premises at 771, Na-  
than Road on Sept. 26, 1939.

L.S. A147 C. Pope—For exam-  
plary courage and devotion to  
duty in that, whilst searching on  
the Ho Man Tin hills, together  
with Det. C394 Ho Fook and Det.  
C283 Lam Man, he saw three rob-  
bers crouching in a hollow and,  
at great personal risk, jumped  
into the hollow and seized one of  
the robbers. The second and third  
men, in escaping, fired at Sergt.  
Pope who subsequently assisted in  
arresting these two men.

Det. C283 Lam Man—For brave-  
ry and devotion to duty in  
searching for and finding and ar-  
resting one of the armed robbers who  
had connexion with the armed  
robbery at the Wing Cheung  
Goldsmith's shop, Shanghai  
Street, on May 30, 1939.

Det. C354 Ho Fook—For bravery  
and devotion to duty in assisting  
in the arrest of three robbers after  
an exchange of shots in connexion  
with the armed robbery at the  
Wing Cheung Goldsmith's shop,  
Shanghai Street, on May 30, 1939.

Y.M.C.A. AMATEURS SCORE  
BIG HIT IN PRESENTING  
"THE HOUSEMASTER"

"The House that Donkin built" withstood every shock at the  
European Y.M.C.A. last night, the occasion being the Amateur  
Dramatic Club's first public performance of Ian Hay's "The  
Housemaster."

Donkin sat complacently through-  
out the final curtain, with a satis-  
fied air about him, assured now  
that Angela (or was it Rosemary?)  
would live quite happily ever after,  
even if it would be with the pecu-  
liar de Pourville.

## QUITE A LARK

Barbara Fane and her three nieces  
had made quite a lark of Ovington  
and his new system. One of the girls  
had made a diplomat of the worldly  
wise Flossie, and the youngest, Button,  
had even tried her hand at moulding  
the personality that was Crump.

The play ends with Donkin, deeply  
contemplative, sitting, at last, alone at  
his desk, a Headmaster. The man  
who made men out of boys had sur-  
vived a paper crisis.  
As portrayed by Leonard Starbuck,  
Donkin is quite a character. He finds  
always the right thing to say, the  
right thing to do, right up to the final  
satisfied sit-down.

Mr. Starbuck must be awarded a  
seroll, citing the complacent manner  
about him "that carried the play  
through to the final curtain."

## ACT OF THE EVENING

Geoffrey Eastgate's portrayal of the  
reformer Ovington was, I am sure, the  
act of the evening. A more self-  
centred Ovington would have to be  
bred in appropriate surroundings.

Next, we must mention Button and  
Bimbo, otherwise Sylvia Boas and  
Peter Sale, the tomboyish niece and  
very much schoolboy nephew of the  
imperturbable Barbara Fane. Both  
entered with gusto into the spirit of  
the play and remained believable all  
through.

Sir Berkeley (W. J. Ashton) and  
de Pourville (Bill Colledge) did not  
hail by their roles. The former, his  
hair greyed by some process known to  
Victor Mamak, and with a cigar to  
add to his impressive appearance,  
appeared every inch a titled politi-  
cian, and moreover one who could  
have had something to do with the  
schoolboy oddity that was Flossie,  
his nephew.

de Pourville was properly meek,  
a character who had quite a ring  
of sincerity in his voice as he spoke  
of the piano on which he had just  
played his last instalment and the  
duologues he was wont to conduct  
with the musical instrument in his  
moments of seclusion.

## MINOR FAILINGS

The two girls, Rosemary and Chris,  
otherwise Olive Starbuck and Lillian  
McFarlane, sported each a minor  
failing. Rosemary was too tragic,  
Chris too exuberant. Both failed badly  
in the bedroom scene, about the most  
unbelievable of the play as enacted  
by the A.D.C.

Crump, Bimbo, and Button alone  
remained natural through the "house-  
warming" scene.  
The play, produced by John Burje  
under the Stage Management of John  
Anderson, will be continued at the  
European Y.M.C.A. to night and to-  
morrow night.

## THE CAST

The following is the cast of  
characters:

Donkin; Leonard Starbuck; Bimbo,  
Peter Sale; Beamish, Robert  
Bonney; Hastings, William Robertson;  
Barbara Fane, Dora Lanchester;  
Button, Sylvia Boas; Ellen, Phyllis  
Colledge; Mastron, Rita Cole.

Chris, Lillian McFarlane; Rosemary,  
Olive Starbuck; de Pourville, William  
Colledge; Flossie, John Greenberg;  
Ovington, Geoffrey Eastgate; Sir  
Berkeley, William Ashton; Crump,  
Henry Smith; Teachers, Bryan  
Benechley; Pop, Tony Cole.—V.V.K.

INSPECTION OF  
H.K.N.V.F. BY  
ADMIRAL NOBLE

His Excellency Admiral Sir Percy  
Noble, Commander-in-Chief, in-  
spected the Hongkong Naval Volun-  
teer Reserve under the com-  
mand of Commander J. Petrie,  
D.S.C., on Wednesday afternoon.

His Excellency was met at the  
gangway of H.M.S. Cornflower in  
the Naval Dockyard by Commodore  
A. M. Peters, D.S.C., R.N., Com-  
mander J. Petrie, D.S.C., H.K.N.  
V.R., Commander Officer, Lieuten-  
ant-Commander R.J. Vernal—1st  
Lieutenant and Paymaster Lieuten-  
ant-Commander E. Grossman—  
Accountant Officer.

Divisions, under the command  
of Lieutenant-Commander J. C. M.  
Grenham, were inspected by His  
Excellency the Commander-in-  
Chief.

Officers, under the charge of  
Lieutenant H. W. M. Duley.

Warrant Officers, under the  
charge of Lieutenant S. J. Sweet-  
land.

European Seamen Ratings, under  
the charge of Sub-Lieutenant L.  
D. M. Beattie.

Chinese Seamen Ratings, under  
the charge of Sub-Lieutenant F.  
R. L. Carey.

Communication Ratings, under  
the charge of Sub-Lieutenant H.  
C. Barclay.

The officer of the watch was  
Sub-Lieutenant L. P. Ralph.

His Excellency then inspected  
the ships and crews of the Aux-  
iliary Patrol Vessels Flotilla operat-  
ed by the Hongkong Naval Volun-  
teer Reserve.

His Excellency addressed the  
members of the Force and con-  
gratulated them on the very val-  
uable work they are carrying out  
in the defence of the Colony and ex-  
pressed his appreciation of the  
loyalty and keenness of the Force.

CHAIRMAN  
APPEALS TO  
MEMBERSSPORTS CLUB AND  
BROKEN RULES

An appeal to members to observe  
the rules of the Club more closely  
was made at the annual meeting  
of the Sports Club yesterday.  
Major C. M. Manners, O.B.E.,  
presided, supported by Messrs.  
Lam Ming-fan (hon. secretary), F.  
G. Maund (treasurer), M. H. Lo  
and W. T. Stanton.

In his report, the chairman  
said:—

The accounts show that the Club's  
financial position is quite sound. You  
will notice that Rentals have increased  
by \$821; Repairs and Renewals are  
rather larger than usual owing to the  
fact that we spent quite a lot of money  
in painting and redecorating. This  
was done very cheaply owing to the  
generosity of our friend Fung Kwok-  
wa, and we owe him a debt of grati-  
tude for his assistance and also to H. S.  
Yung for so ably supervising the  
repairs and painting. The Furniture  
and fixtures have been kept in a good  
state of repair, thanks to the hard  
work of our House Committee.

During the year, a new bottle  
colder was installed and it has proved  
very satisfactory. We have also con-  
structed a shower bath room in the  
men's lavatory which has been found  
very convenient.

## COMMITTEE THANKED

I would like this opportunity of  
expressing my thanks to the General  
Committee for the assistance they  
have given me during the year. I  
most particularly thank our Honorary  
Secretary, Hon. Bar Conventers and  
Hon. Librarian for all the hard work  
they have put in on our behalf and  
to the benefit of the Club. In this  
Club, these positions are honorary  
in the real sense of the word, and all  
their duties have been carried out  
with no thought of anything but  
the welfare of the Club and its mem-  
bers.

The international spirit of the Club  
is well exemplified in the harmonious  
relations which always exist on the  
General Committee, and I am sure  
the continuance of these friendly  
relations between members will always  
be one of our prime objects.

The report and statement of  
accounts were unanimously approved.

## RULES BROKEN

Dr. F. Bunje observed that there were  
certain rules of the



## SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE OF CHURCHES' MEETING

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social welfare affairs; and, thirdly, to preserve the balance between and to prevent over-lapping by local charitable bodies. I would not propose to subordinate these latter to the Commission but they would, no doubt, welcome the Commission's advice when offered and on occasions be willing to consult it.

The whole idea is at the moment too shadowy to make it advisable for me to say more about it, though I would add that I do not contemplate such a Commission having administrative or executive functions, at any rate at the outset, though that might come later. Rather it would concentrate on the survey of and research into the social needs and problems of Hongkong, especially those which take their rise from poverty conditions; and it would supply continuity and sustenance of effort in the solution of those problems. It only remains for me to wish all success to the Centre in the current year.

DEAN WILSON

Opening the meeting, Dean Wilson said, in part:—I will begin with the remark of the late Studdart Kennedy when he said that organised charity was the very devil. If Studdart Kennedy is right we met here this afternoon, to give the devil his due but I do not think that, such an organisation as ours comes under the ban which Studdart Kennedy would impose on those organisations which have lost their touch with personality and have become mechanical.

SOCIAL ORDER

Our social order is, narrow, bounded by material things and with little spiritual vision. It is cruel and callous because of the waste of human life involved; and disintegrating because it is always embittered by strife. The picture is not all dark; although there is much cause for dissatisfaction there is also much ground for hope.

Matters of housing the homeless, feeding the hungry, educating the minds and building up the health of the community are the work either of Government, Departments or of voluntary organisations and of these organisations I refer specially to such an organisation as the Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council. But this Council realises that in addition to its committees which are dealing with food kitchens, education or housing, it

must also find a place for the work amongst individual people.

MISS ELLIOTT

Before referring to the report, Miss Elliott said in part, it has been a great satisfaction to feel that the Social Service Centre of the Churches was already established and ready to cope in some measure with the dire needs of many of those thousands so suddenly forced to seek safety within our borders.

The Statistical Record of the year shows a very substantial increase on that of last year. We have interviewed close on ten thousand individuals. This means an average of between 30 and 40 a day.

My last word must be one of thanks to His Excellency for honouring us today with his presence. His interest in this, as in an work for the social betterment of Hongkong is a very real encouragement in that it gives us faith to believe that small beginnings such as ours may develop through co-operation with the Government into work of permanent and constructive value to this rapidly growing community.

DR. SELWYN-CLARKE

The Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke said that the Government Medical Department has received a full measure of co-operation from the Centre throughout the year now under review, and its burden has been lightened considerably thanks to the careful investigations and relief work for which Miss Elliott has been responsible.

Continuing, Dr. Selwyn-Clarke said in part:—It has been a particularly refreshing experience for me to have had the privilege of working with the officers of the Centre; because, although I have always been brought up to the belief that true Christianity accepts all men as equal—and, by implication, entitled to food, clothing, shelter, work, education and recreation—I have noticed that the central idea of charity is not infrequently allowed to loom rather too conspicuously in the activities of some relief bodies.

Government has clearly acknowledged its responsibility towards those who have sought temporary asylum in the Colony from disturbed conditions in China by providing several large camps where food, shelter and welfare services have been made available for tens of thousands during the past year or so. Government has also spent large sums in providing passages and travelling expenses for all those who could be persuaded to return to their country.

GOVERNOR'S INTEREST

Your Excellency has always taken a great interest in welfare centres, and, under your administration, there are good grounds for the belief that the three existing welfare centres will increase to six, nine, twelve or even more in the course of the next few years to the great benefit of the mothers of the future.

My excuse for taking up your time with the details already given relating to welfare organisations is to try to bring it home to you that the needs are so vast, greater than all the efforts of existing Chinese and European welfare bodies can possibly cope with. And that brings me to my last point.

As I see the position, the Social Service Centre of the Churches has a most important role to fulfil. It gives Government the greatest possible assistance by investigating many thousands of cases of refugees, destitutes and mendicants.

PERSONAL SYMPATHY

Your Excellency's presence here this afternoon is an indication of your personal interest and sympathy with the work and I trust Your Excellency may find it within your power to give further recognition to the usefulness of this work by enabling the Centre to be established on a rather more solid basis from the financial aspect by means of a contribution from the Government exchequer. I hope, too, that the Centre will receive a greater degree of support from the community as a whole.

It is only through the admirable combination of kindness, sympathy (from which mere sentimentality is excluded) and scientific investigation that have been the outstanding characteristics of the Social Service Centre of the Churches that we can carry out our democratic ideals and attain a higher standard of civilised life than has prevailed in Hongkong up to the present.

## P.I. GOLD MINING TOWN RAVAGED BY FIRE

MANILA, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—A fire destroyed half the gold-mining town of Paracale, leaving 5,000 persons homeless and causing a great deal of damage.

## Macao Race Meeting

The Macao Jockey Club programme for the April meeting, to be held at Area Freta, Macao on Sunday, April 14, is as follows:—First Sadding Bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m.:

1st Race—"Chung Shan Stakes." For China Ponies classified by the Club as "Y" Class. Winners of this year, barred. Weight: 150 lbs. 2-lb. penalty for every \$50 or part thereof won in stakes since Jan. 1, 1940. Six Furlongs.

2nd Race—"Jockey Cup." A Cup (valued \$50) will be presented to the winning Jockey. A Handicap for Australian Ponies classified by the Hongkong Jockey Club as "D" Class at date of entry. Five Furlongs.

3rd Race—"Chinshan Handicap." (First Section). For China Ponies classified by the Hongkong Jockey Club as "E" Class at date of entry. Five Furlongs.

NOTE.—Only one entry will be made for the "Chinshan Handicap" (Races 3 & 5). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

4th Race—"Hin Wang Cup." A Cup (valued \$50) kindly presented by Mr. Kwok Hin Wang with \$200 added for Winner, Second \$125, Third \$100. A Handicap for China Ponies classified by the Hongkong Jockey Club as "D" Class at date of entry. One Round.

5th Race—"Chinshan Handicap." (Second Section). For China Ponies classified by the Hongkong Jockey Club as "E" Class at date of entry. Five Furlongs.

6th Race—"Shekhi Handicap." For China Ponies classified by the Club as "X" and "Y" Classes. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Six Furlongs.

N.B.—Starters must be declared on the forms provided in the weighing room before 2.15 o'clock for the first race and for all subsequent races 45 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

Entries close to the Secretaries, Messrs. T. A. Martin & Co., Incorporated, Accountants, Prince's Building, on Thursday, April 4, 1940, at noon.

Ponies will be transported to Macao on Saturday, April 13, returned on Monday, April 15, and kept at Macao without charge.

In connection with the "Jockey Cup" the 2nd Race on the programme, a special \$1 sweep is being conducted. The cost of a Through Ticket, including a chance in the Special Sweep is \$10 and is obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Department, top floor, No. 17, Connaught Road, Central.

## DETAINED IN H.K.

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—It is learned that the Soviet Steamer Vladimir Mayakovsky is detained at Hongkong pending an examination of her cargo by the Allied authorities. She is reported to be carrying a cargo of copper and molybdenum shipped in North America and consigned to Vladivostok.

## NAZI PLANS TO BREAK ALLIED BLOCKADE

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—The Times special correspondent in Rotterdam states that according to a report from Surabaya, published in the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant, large purchases were recently made by German agents in the Dutch Indies of rubber, copra, palm oil, kapok and other raw materials regardless of cost.

The case against Flt.-Lieut. McGovern, of the Royal Air Force, Kai Tak, summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen for allegedly driving a private car in Saigon Street on February 21 without a valid driver's licence, was further adjourned a week at the Kowloon Court yesterday. Defendant did not appear, and was stated to be ill and in hospital.

## Colony's Contribution To Garrison Falls Short

### War Office Letter Laid Before Legislative Council

Interesting figures, showing the cost of maintaining the garrison in Hongkong, were contained in papers laid before the Legislative Council yesterday.

It was revealed that the cost of the garrison exceeded the amount of Hongkong's contribution by £1,188,628.9s.6d. The War Office, in a letter to the Colonial Office dated December 13 last, states:—

#### COLONY'S CONTRIBUTION

"With reference to War Office letter of January 24, 1939, numbered 16/Estimates/1236 (F.I.), I am commanded by the Army Council to forward the enclosed statements A to D, relative to the military contribution payable by the Colony of Hongkong.

"It will be seen from statement C enclosed that the contribution based on the actual revenue of the Colony in respect of the financial year April 1, 1937 to March 31, 1938, amounted to \$5,816,505.12 as compared with the provisional contribution of \$5,553,523.50 notified in the letter mentioned above.

#### ESTIMATES EXCEEDED

"The cost of the garrison, for that year, therefore, exceeded the amount of the contribution, converted into sterling at the official rates of exchange current when paid, by £1,188,628.9s.6d. (vide statement D).

"With regard to the financial year April 1, 1938, to March 31, 1939, statements A and B, show respectively the cost of the garrison and the amount of the military contribution based on the estimated revenue in respect of that year. It will be seen that the cost of the garrison exceeded the

contribution, converted into sterling at the official rates of exchange current when paid, by £1,228,890."

#### STATEMENT A

HONGKONG: Cost of the garrison for the Army Financial year April 1, 1938 to March 31, 1939:—Pay, etc. of the Army £404,946 Medical Services 49,047 Educational Establishments 5,939

Quartering and Movements 62,461

Sea Transport 129,228

Supplies, Road Transport and Remounts 189,463

Clothing 45,908

General Stores 39,904

Warlike Stores 67,297

Works, Buildings and Lands 270,571

Miscellaneous Effective Services 126,840

Home Effective Charges 100,914

Non-Effective Charges 124,390

£1,616,908

Contribution in respect of the year 1938-39 (vide Statement B) 388,018

Amount by which the cost of the Garrison exceeded the amount of the contribution £1,228,890

#### STATEMENT B

Hongkong Military Contribution 1938-39

Currency	Equivalent in Sterling converted at Official rates of Exchange
Contribution (based on 20 per cent. of the Revenue) in respect of the calendar year 1938	\$5,277,717.03 £392,357. 6 7

Three-fourths of this amount representing the contribution in respect of the period April 1 to December 31, 1938	\$4,708,287.77 £294,287.19.11
Add: One-quarter of \$6,000,000 representing the contribution in respect of the period Jan. 1 to March 31, 1939	1,500,000.00 93,750. 0 0
	\$6,208,287.77 £388,017.19.11

#### STATEMENT C

Hongkong Military Contribution 1937-38

Currency	Equivalent in Sterling converted at Official rates of Exchange
(1) Contribution (based on 20 per cent. of Actual Revenue) in respect of calendar year 1937	\$5,662,767.81 £353,053.11. 9
(2) Contribution (based on 20 per cent. of Actual Revenue) in respect of calendar year 1938	6,277,717.03 392,357. 6 7
Three-fourths of (1) representing the contribution in respect of the period April to December, 1937	\$4,247,075.86 £264,790. 3 10
One-fourth of (2) representing the contribution in respect of the period January to March, 1938	1,569,429.26 98,089. 6 8
Contribution April 1937 to March 1938	\$5,816,505.12 £362,879.10. 6

#### STATEMENT D

Hongkong Military Contribution 1937-38

Comparison of cost of Garrison 1937-38 with the contribution received in that year	
Net cost of Garrison 1937-38	£1,551,508. 0 0
Equivalent in Sterling converted at official rates of exchange, of contribution in respect of 1937-38 (vide Statement C)	362,879.10. 6
Amount by which the cost of the Garrison exceeded the amount of the contribution	£1,188,628. 9 6

## TRANS-ATLANTIC MAIL SERVICE TO MONTREAL

LONDON, MAR. 28 (REUTER).—THE BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION, WHICH BEGINS TO FUNCTION ON APRIL 1, when it takes over the undertakings of Imperial Airways and British Airways, hopes to have a trans-Atlantic mail service to Montreal, and Port Washington, Long Island, running this summer if the military situation permits.

In addition it hopes to open up a service to Lisbon to connect with the Pan-American Clipper service within the next three or four weeks.

Mr. Clive Pearson, Chairman of the new Corporation, told Reuter today that owing to the necessity of military requirements obtaining first call on all production it is not likely that there would be regular trans-Atlantic passenger service this year.

CHUNGKING, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—Major Sino-Japanese operations are expected to break out shortly in the vicinity of Canton along the Lower West River, probably in the vicinity of Sunwui, west of Macao, declared a Chinese military spokesman today.

OSLO, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—The German submarine, U21, which ran aground near Oden on Tuesday has been interned by the Nor-

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## Grants Made By B.F.R.D.C.

The Board of Administrators of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China has granted a donation of drugs to the value of \$6,361.26 to the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China, for use in the West River area.

The Board has also made the following grants:—

(1) To the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China, for the Canton International Red Cross Service Corps under the direction of Dr. Wong Man, for maintenance of the Corps for April, May, and June, 1940 \$500.

(2) To the Little Sisters of the Poor, Hongkong, in connection with their refugee relief work \$500.

(3) To the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China, special emergency grant to the Chinese Y.W.C.A. in connection with their relief work on behalf of students in Macao, caused by the invasion of Chung Shan recently \$1,000.

## POPE RECEIVES TELEKI

ROME, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—The Hungarian Prime Minister, Count Paul Teleki, was received by His Holiness the Pope this morning. German authorities and the crew disarmed.

## FIVE WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

The following marriages were solemnised at the Supreme Court Registry yesterday:—

Mr. Lai Ying-wing, of No. 112, Gloucester Road, and Miss Li Wai-tun, of No. 128 Lockhart Road.

Mr. Taul Po-ying, sub-inspector of Police, and Miss Cheng Sook-kwan, of No. 148, Yu Chou Street, second floor.

Dr. Szeto Eng-kee, medical practitioner, of No. 36, Kai Tak Road, and Miss Helen Au, of No. 9, Stewart Road, second floor.

Mr. Chow Cho-pou, merchant, of No. 212, Wanchai Road, and Miss Grace Wong, of No. 64, Johnson Road, second floor.

Mr. Cho Kam-shu, of No. 75, Po Kong Road, and Miss Chan Fung-ying, of No. 67, Ta Ku Ling Road, first floor.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The forthcoming marriages are announced as follows:—

Sapper George Swinburn, Royal Engineers, Wellington Barracks, and Miss Amparo Yvonne Lavada, nurse, of No. 22 Jordan Road.

Mr. Cheung Wing-yau, merchant, of No. 69, Robinson Road, and Miss Lam Pui-wu, of No. 49 Robinson Road.

## PATROL ACTIVITY

PARIS, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—The communique issued today stated that it was a quiet night on the whole. There was patrol activity on both sides, especially in the region of the Vosges.

## FORMER G.S.O.I. CHINA DEAD

### MAJOR-GENERAL HARRISON

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Major-General Harold Cecil Harrison, British Troops in China and D. S. O., former G. S. O. 1 for popularly known in Hongkong as "Dreadnought" Harrison.

#### BRILLIANT CAREER

The late Gen. Harrison was educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham. He first entered the Royal Marines as a Second-Lieut. in 1907 and was Assistant Adjutant, Royal Marine Artillery, on the outbreak of the last war. He was seconded for service with South African Contingents, first commanding a battery in German South-West Africa, and later the Transvaal Battery of the South African Heavy Artillery in France, where he won the D. S. O. and was promoted Bt.-Major.

He served on the General Staff at Singapore, the War Office and at Hongkong. He was an instructor at the Staff College, Quetta, from 1930-31 and the Imperial Defence College, 1932 and commanded the 1st Batt. The Green Howards, from 1932-35. He was G. S. O. 1 British Troops in China, 1935-1937.

He was awarded the Sacred Treasure of Japan in 1926 and was promoted Bt.-Lt.-Col. in 1927, Lt.-Col. in 1932 and Col. in 1935.

Besides shooting, he played cricket and lawn tennis and was an old Rugby international.

## SECOND A.I.F.

SYDNEY, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—Five thousand men of the Second Australian Imperial Force paraded through the streets of Sydney and about 100 mechanised units also took part.



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## PARIS SUGGESTS

SCARVES IN PRINTED CREPE (to match dresses) trim straw hats, fine tulle jersey is twisted into evening turbans. Waistcoats in striped jerseys, satins and surahs go over plain dresses. For evening, the striped effect is worked in gold braid on black.

Reversible jackets—they turn inside out with a flick of the hand—are plain and dark outside, gay and patterned inside. Or the lining is striped in, say, beige and black. For evening, the stripes are worked in sequins.

### Peasant Themes:

There's a revival of peasant themes, due to the Finnish and Scandinavian influence. Embroidered heart motifs, pockets and purses are discreetly used. Nordic colours are appearing in embroidered Finnish belts—they are worn with everything from beach to evening costumes. Several courtiers have adopted lace-trimmed flanneled bonnets and three-cornered, fringed shawls. They are made in tweed or wool for tailors, or in silk, for evening, or shown with oiled-silk beach frocks. Heavy gold peasant chains are used in a dozen ways.

### Apron Revival:

The revival of the apron is the most important peasant theme to influence the silhouette. In an abbreviated form it can be mistaken for a hip yoke. The most sophisticated version is the navy maroon afternoon dress on which is encrusted a pointed apron of navy faille; it ties in a little bow at the back just above a narrow pleated fan which is set into the skirt. Some of the tiny, pounced aprons have suspended pockets.

### Evening Gowns:

Floor-length, and even longer, evening gowns with ample skirts show off the wonderful fabrics that fashion them (flowered tulle, embroidered or striped satins, nets, laces and jerseys). The bodices are sometimes simple and short-sleeved, sometimes draped with halter tops. Fine linens, flowered cotton voiles and plaques are ruffled for summer evenings. Evening gowns make girls look like flowers; their ruffles frame the head and trim the shoulders or the multiple-layered skirts.

## THESE FASHIONS

### DRAWING THE HAIR LINE

"Hair must not be regimented." This is the wise saying of one of those specialists who can make the waves obey his will. Though this expert in the art of sculpturing the hair can mould the silhouette of the head this way or that, he strongly feels that the arrangement of the coiffure is an individual matter.

#### Conform To Type

The most important thing is to place the hair according to the features, he believes. Hair is the only adjustable thing about a woman's head—to further elucidate his idea—Benté, it should be made to conform to its owner's type.

"But what about adjusting the hair to changing hat lines?" was one among several questions put to him.

He replied: "There is not a milliner who will not produce a hat, and a good-looking one, to fit the hair arrangement of her client if it is a becoming one."

One can agree with him for this season, since there is such a variety of shapes in hats; another year it may not be so easy.

#### Softer & Fuller

The very sleek line has given way to softer and fuller moulding of the hair, according to our informant. He foresees the domination of two styles for a while at least. One is influenced by "Gone With the Wind." It is up and curled at the front and low and full at the back.

#### Narrow Lines:

In Paris the fashion experts are launching narrow lines such as slim gowns under flaring coats. Narrow lines are featured in the restaurant ensembles shown in all houses. They are simple in trimming. Tiny hats smothered in black tulle petticoat veils top them off.

## Round The Shops

WHILE EVERYONE IN HONG-KONG is revelling in the present delightfully cool weather, they are at the same time thinking exasperatingly, perhaps, of the summer days ahead—hot, dusty and humid—days when it is up to every woman to pay more attention to delicacy, neatness and smartness in dress and appearance.

Summer time is when the beauty preparations are most sought after to relieve that feeling of clamminess of face and hands and rest for the eyes. Lane, Crawford's Ladies Salon makes a point of laying emphasis on the case of the eyes and offers a wide selection of preparations for this purpose.

#### Beautiful Eyes:

In the quest for beauty, how many women realize the importance of giving proper attention to their eyes? Beautiful eyes, for those who want them—and who doesn't?—are, however, not difficult to achieve with the aid of the wonderful preparations which Elizabeth Arden has made available to every discerning woman. To be beautiful, eyes must be clear, youthful and compelling—and to secure these three important requirements Elizabeth Arden first offers her Special Eye Cream of the finest oils which have been combined to treat the delicate areas round the eyes and which will steadily fill up those hollows, wipe out disfiguring lines and crepey lids. Next comes the Ardena Special Eye Lotion to soothe tiredness and ache and impart lustre and freshness after all-day outings or strenuous sports. With freshness preserved, next is the need for luxuriant lashes and Elizabeth Arden has had amazing successes with her Venetian Eyelash Grower to give the lashes a silky appearance; her Eyelash Cosmetique to secure artistic darkening and glossiness. Finally, the eye-brows get the necessary delicate touches with the Arden Eyebrow Pencil—and presto!—Beautiful Eyes are yours.

#### Cool Summer Wear:

From beauty treatment, Hong-kong's womenfolk must naturally turn their attention to their summer material sharkskin is already in demand and Rivelle, in the Arcade, is displaying a new shipment of sharkskin and cotton dresses for day and afternoon wear. While millady's interest will mainly be centred on the former, she will not be able to resist the beautiful assortment of washable cotton models, which Rivelle is offering in all sizes and designs. With these attractive lines are a delightful selection of new summer straws—pert, chic and as stylish as anyone could wish. And then, for formal wear, Rivelle also has some exquisite evening creations, which can only be described as perfect in model and design.

#### At the Hat Shop:

Summer's demands in headgear are exacting, so wide are the tasks of different individuals, who, with feminine diligence, try to match hats with personality. At Mayo's, in the Arcade, the advance shipment of summer hats covers such a variety of styles that picking the right one will entail no trouble at all. Mayo's have also a lovely display of day, afternoon and evening wear in silks, laces, organzas and nets, each with its own piquant charm and beauty.

#### Straws & Snoods:

Snoods have certainly caught the popular fancy in Hongkong—their neatness and attractiveness are admitted everywhere. Reme, in the Asia Life Building, has a wonderful assortment of snood hats which should be snapped up by her customers who want to be in the vogue for this line. Reme, of course, specializes in headgear of all kinds and her new display of hats must be seen to be appreciated, together with the wonderful assortment of novelties which catch the fancy of feminine tastes.

#### Studio de Luxe:

While most other trades seem to be feeling the effect of war conditions, Studio de Luxe, in Pedder Building, claims to have plenty of work on their hands, with constant visits by those who wish to have their portraits taken. High grade work and careful and courteous attention to their clients is behind this success, which the studio has fully merited to date.

## Red Sail In The Sunset Is FAVOURITE SHADE FOR NEW SPRING COLOUR

SPRING COLOURS ARE TO BE BRIGHT, as an antidote to war boredom, with a red sail in the sunset shade as first favourite. Gloomy shades from black to mauve have lost the top places; they will be low down on the list this spring.

#### WOMEN WILL WEAR

In addition to the shade known officially as a Breton red, women will wear:

GREYS, very important in the spring scheme.

PASTEL TONES, including a delicate green, maize and blue.

YELLOW, a lemonish-green shade.

BROWNS, making a comeback this spring—usually autumn shades.

The only colours with a war-time influence are actually a year old, but remain fashionable. They are Royal Air Force blue and Legion d'Honneur red.

No new shades have war names. The war atmosphere is being avoided as much as possible in fashion.

#### SPRING YELLOW



YELLOW is the colour of spring—daffodils, primroses, buttercups, jasmine. Whatever else the posy is which tops off this close-fitting cap, it is yellow.

## LIGHTNESS AND NEATNESS ARE FEATURES OF MODERN FASTENINGS

THE DRESS-MAKER OF TODAY has a comparatively simple task in arranging for the fastenings of garments of different orders.

### A DAY-TIME HAIRDRESS

For casual wear, Larry Germaine, hair stylist, has created this coiffure for Laraine Day. The young actress wears it on informal occasions.



A—The hair is caught up on the sides in a swirl, with soft ringlets framing the face and a loose dip on the forehead.



B—The crown of the head is kept smooth and gives the effect of a tiny cap with ringlet curls around it.



C—The sides of the hair, right and left, are swept up. Combed off the face, the hair is caught up at the temples and brushed in soft ringlets around the face.



D—After the hair is thoroughly dry, Mr. Germaine brushes it vigorously before combing. This brushing tends to polish and add sheen to the hair.

Buttons and button-holes and hooks and eyes still find their place in many situations, and for other applications there are press studs and the long automatic fasteners, all of which have been greatly improved in recent times.

#### Easier Today

At one period the materials available placed severe restrictions upon those who wished to make their fastenings more in line with the style of the garment, but plastics and metal alloys have now made it possible for colour to be used with full effect.

Even the automatic fasteners are available in colours, while buttons and clasps, in all shapes and sizes, can be obtained in the most delicate shades.

As a result it has been possible to give these details a very definite place in the decoration of clothes, besides in so many cases, providing a much more effective fastening than used to be possible.

#### Security

It is the security which is now possible with these modern fasteners, that has inspired such supreme confidence in the latest products of the British industry, even though they are lighter than the old types which preceded them.

The lightness is apparent in those types of fastenings which are particularly applicable to the finest pieces of lingerie, where it is important to prevent any drag on the material and the fastener must not stand out.

These are points that are specially provided for in the Rayn series of fasteners and they are reflected by the names of some of the series, like the Mighty Atom, British Bulldog, and so on.

### Eugenie Snood Hat

The great success in wartime headgear, the EUGENIE IMPERATRICE pill-box style, posed forward to light on the brow from snoods of fish net mesh. Practically every woman should possess one of these hats, indicating a century-old revival.



E—The finished hairdress is combed into place. The sides are caught up at the temples and then brushed into soft ringlets around the face. Pin curls on top are combed into a soft dip on the forehead.

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## RICE & TOMATOES

IF YOU COMBINE some boiled rice and a tin of tomatoes you'll be surprised with a good vegetable this makes—it's a change, too. Boil some rice in the usual way, adding a little onion to the water. Strain, add a tin of tomatoes, return to the saucepan with a knob of margarine, and stir well together until thoroughly heated.



## Five Nazi Planes Shot Down In Thrilling Air Battles Over Metz: N.Z. Airmen's Graphic Story Of Fight

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—A War Ministry bulletin from the headquarters of the British Air Force in France announces that there was a marked increase in aerial activity on Tuesday in the neighbourhood of Metz.

**AERIAL ENCOUNTERS**  
A formation of seven enemy reconnaissance craft, escorted by fighters, were intercepted and engaged by British fighters. Aerial encounters occurred and our fighters, having broken up the enemy formation, forced the enemy to abandon their reconnaissance.

One British patrol encountered a formation of nine enemy fighters. In the ensuing fight two enemy aircraft were seen descending in flames. One of our fighters was shot down, but the pilot escaped by parachute.

**THREE BATTLES**  
LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—Reuter's correspondent, writing from "Somewhere in France," states that the R.A.F. brought down at least five enemy planes in France on Tuesday. Two others are believed to have been accounted for. One British fighter was lost.

Three separate battles occurred in the morning, afternoon and evening, when patrolling Hurricanes met German planes of four different types. Five planes were shot down for certain. They were all Messer-Schmidts and the two probably accounted for were Messer-Schmidt and Dornier.

**AMAZING STORY**  
"Copper," a twenty-one-year-old New Zealander, already famous for his exploits, brought his total bag up to five by accounting for two Messer-Schmidts. This time he narrowly escaped with his life as he limped about his mess yesterday, with one leg peppered by shrapnel from cannon shells, he told an amazingly graphic story.

He told how he and two other Hurricane pilots ran into a flight of nine Messer-Schmidts in the early afternoon.

**ONE APICE**  
"We took one apiece and just went in," he said. "I hit one and he spun down in smoke and flames. Then, for a time, it was a free for all, until I got another Messer-Schmidt and sent him down."

"I looked round and the sky seemed clear. But one of the Messer-Schmidts was hovering high above, waiting to see how the battle was going to turn out."

"He swooped on me and the next thing I knew was a terrific bang in front of my eyes."

## INDIA CONGRESS OFFICIAL GAOLED

CHANDASSA, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—Srihar Jayaprakash, General Secretary of the All-India Congress Socialist Party, who was arrested three weeks ago under the Defence of India Act after delivering a speech, was yesterday sentenced to nine months rigorous imprisonment.

The top of my hood flew away, a great jagged hole appeared in my engine and flames and oil poured into the cockpit. I was almost knocked unconscious by the shock but came to and managed to 'bale out.'

**"THIS IS HEAVEN"**

"For a long time I never thought about pulling the slipcord of my parachute. Then I did so and floated down in a kind of daze, enjoying the cool air on my face."

"When I passed through a thick layer of white clouds, I thought to myself, quiet seriously, 'This is heaven.'"

"I landed in a field in 'No Man's Land' and stumbled towards a wood where I covered up my parachute with earth and wire."

A French Captain came running towards me with a revolver poised. When he found out I was he helped me back into the French lines."

**C-IN-C'S CONGRATULATIONS**  
"Copper's" two companions each chased a Messer-Schmidt and one Flying Officer sent his opponent down in flames.

The other, a Sergeant-Pilot, reports that his quarry disappeared through the clouds with smoke trailing behind him. Air Marshal Barratt, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, has sent a glowing telegram of congratulations to the British fighter pilots. It is now proudly displayed in their mess.

**FIRST BLOOD TO THE ALLIES**

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—The Washington Post, in an analysis prepared for the Foreign Policy Association, says: "Great Britain and France have won the first round in the fight for the control of the Near East without serious opposition by the totalitarian Powers."

The Allies now hold the strategic points along the principal lines of communication and the economic resources of the Near East, to the disadvantage of Germany, Russia and Italy."

**DRASTIC MEASURES**

The analysis refers to the steadily increasing allied military forces in the Near East and in discussing Rumania states that "Great Britain has left no doubt of her intentions to take drastic measures if oil continues to be supplied to Germany."

## A MASS OF FOAMING WATER LEFT

R.A.F. SINK NAZI PATROL VESSEL

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that during a reconnaissance of the North Sea yesterday, aircraft of the R.A.F. Coastal Command attacked and sank an enemy patrol vessel, in the eastern part of the North Sea.

**INTENSE FIRE**

The attack was carried out in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire.

Four ships were seen close together and the pilots selected one as their target. They dived and released their bombs.

The rear gunner of one aircraft saw a salvo of bombs burst directly on the deck. There was a big explosion before the flame and smoke died down.

**ONLY THREE LEFT**

The British flew into a cloud to escape the storm of retaliatory fire and when they emerged the crews saw only three ships.

One pilot said: "Where the ship had been there was only a mass of foaming, frothy water."

Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, will broadcast a speech over the Stations XGOA, 1,200 kilocycles, and XGOY, 1,190 kilocycles, to the people at home and abroad at 7 o'clock this evening (8 p.m. Hong Kong Time) on the occasion of Chinese Revolutionary Martyrs' Day. The broadcast will be relayed by other radio stations throughout the country.

## RUSSIAN SUPPLIES TO GERMANY CHECKED

### "Guns Campaign" As Answer To Ore Vessels

LONDON, MARCH 28 (REUTER).—THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, in a commentary, states that the Soviet Union cannot supply Germany with sufficient quantities of three of the most vital raw materials, namely petroleum, vegetable oil and manganese, to conduct the war. The chief drawback, the paper adds, is the question of transportation.

### "For Gallant Work"

#### ITALIAN MARINER REWARDED

LONDON, Mar. 28 (BWS).—A remarkable feat of seamanship was recognised to-day in Malta when the Governor presented a watch, from the British Air Ministry, to the Italian master of a small Maltese sailing ship, "for gallant rescue work" in saving six survivors from a wrecked British air liner last December.

**STORMY SEAS**

The rescue took place partly during darkness and in stormy seas off Sicily. When the aircraft crashed into the sea about 200 yards ahead of the sailing ship, the master launched a small boat. Despite a high wind and mountainous seas, the boat picked up three men from the aircraft and, being then fully loaded, returned to the ship which had now drifted about half a mile away.

Rough seas and darkness prevented the further use of the small boat, the Master brought his ship, by skilful handling, back to the scene of the disaster and picked up the other three survivors who had been swept off the wreckage and were drifting in the water. One of them was a R.A.F. Wing Commander who was in the water for nearly three hours.

## ONEROUS PEACE BETTER THAN WAR IN FACE OF GREAT ODDS

### FINNISH PEOPLE ALIVE TO THEIR DUTY

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—In a message to the retiring Government, President Kallio described the Soviet peace terms as "immoderate" and added that yet the people and Parliament had realised that even an onerous peace was preferable to years of sanguinary war in the face of great odds.

**WAR TRIBUTE**

M. Kallio paid a warm tribute

to the outgoing government for its endeavours to secure munitions during the war, adding: "The defensive capacity of our army is quite different from what it was at the beginning of the war. It is true our country is mutilated—a matter which we mourn—but the Finnish people, alive to its duty, our independence, and our heroic army, still exist. These are the foundation stones on which we shall continue to build our future."

**NEW CABINET**

Seven members of the new Cabinet were in the outgoing Ministry and all, with the exception of M. Tanner, retain the portfolios they held before.

M. Passikivi, Minister without a portfolio in the outgoing Cabinet, is not in the new Ministry.

**SWISS HELP**

ZURICH, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—According to the Swiss press, Switzerland's gifts to Finland so far amount to \$285,000 in value.

### SWEDEN GAOLS SPIES

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—Sentences ranging from three months' imprisonment to three years' hard labour were passed on four persons convicted on charges of espionage.

A Swede, named Koch, was sentenced to three years' hard labour and his mother, who is Russian-born, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

A Swede, named Karlsson, and Dr. Michael Willy, who is German-born, were each sentenced to ten months' hard labour.

The fifth accused, Koch's German-born wife, was acquitted.

## HUNGARY ANXIOUS THAT BALANCE OF FORCES SHOULD BE PRESERVED IN S. E. EUROPE

### COUNT TELEKI'S CONCERN OVER ITALIAN ATTITUDE

LONDON, MAR. 28 (REUTER).—COMMENTING ON THE VISIT TO ROME OF COUNT TELEKI, THE HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER, AND HIS LONG CONVERSATION WITH SIGNOR MUSSOLINI, THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE B.B.C. COMMENTS THAT NO ONE, OUTSIDE THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, CAN KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TOOK PLACE, NOR THE REASONS WHICH PROMPTED COUNT TELEKI TO GO TO ROME, SO SOON AFTER THE BRENNER PASS MEETING. THE LATTER, HOWEVER, PROBABLY GIVES A CLUE.

Hungary is vitally interested in the relations existing between Italy and Germany. Whatever designs Germany may have on her, or on any other Balkan or Danubian State, her actions must depend on the attitude of the other interested powers and Italy has made it clear often enough that she is one of the first.

**BALANCE OF FORCES**

It may well be that Count Teleki wanted to satisfy himself that the Brenner Pass meeting between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini had not upset the balance of forces on which Hungary depends.

**ITALY PROMISES SUPPORT**

ROME, Mar. 28 (Havas).—Hungary has agreed to wait until the end of the war for her territorial claims against Rumania and has, as a result, received from Italy, promise of unconditional support.

The above, according to usually reliable sources, came about following Count Teleki's conversations here.

The same sources reveal that Count Teleki was extremely reluctant to postpone the Hungarian claims and yielded only after Signor Mussolini gave him substantial compensation which is tantamount to an Italian guarantee of Hungarian independence.

**DELICATE NEGOTIATION**

The elements of this delicate negotiation are reflected in Gayda's comment in the Giornale D'Italia that "Italy wishes Hungary to do her utmost for preserving peace in the Danubian Basin, but this desire for peace does not mean that Italy wishes Hungary to give up, permanently, her hopes for the final and satisfactory settlement of the problems which interest her directly, nor does it mean that all the other problems in that part of Europe can be forgotten."

"The idea that peace is built up on justice remains the guiding principle of Signor Mussolini's policy."

### EXPLOSION ON FRENCH WARSHIP: SEVEN KILLED

PARIS, March 28 (Havas).—The Navy Ministry regrets to announce that an explosion occurred aboard the destroyer La Rallieuse while the vessel was lying in port. Seven were killed and several wounded, or yet unaccounted for.

### THYSEN GOES TO FRANCE

ZURICH, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—Fritz Thyssen, German steel magnate, left Locarno yesterday for France, but his exact destination is unknown.

## S'hai Japanese Want More Seats On Municipal Council

SHANGHAI, March 28 (Reuter).—Giving credence to the recent rumours that the Japanese are seeking greater representation on the Shanghai Municipal Council, a Japanese Embassy spokesman declared that a meeting of Japanese civic leaders and representatives of the Japanese Residents' Corporation would be held shortly to determine the exact number of candidates to be nominated for election.

He added that meanwhile investigations were proceeding among the Japanese community to determine the number of votes available and the total number of Japanese rate payers. The spokesman once again emphasised the feeling in local Japanese circles for greater representation on the Council.

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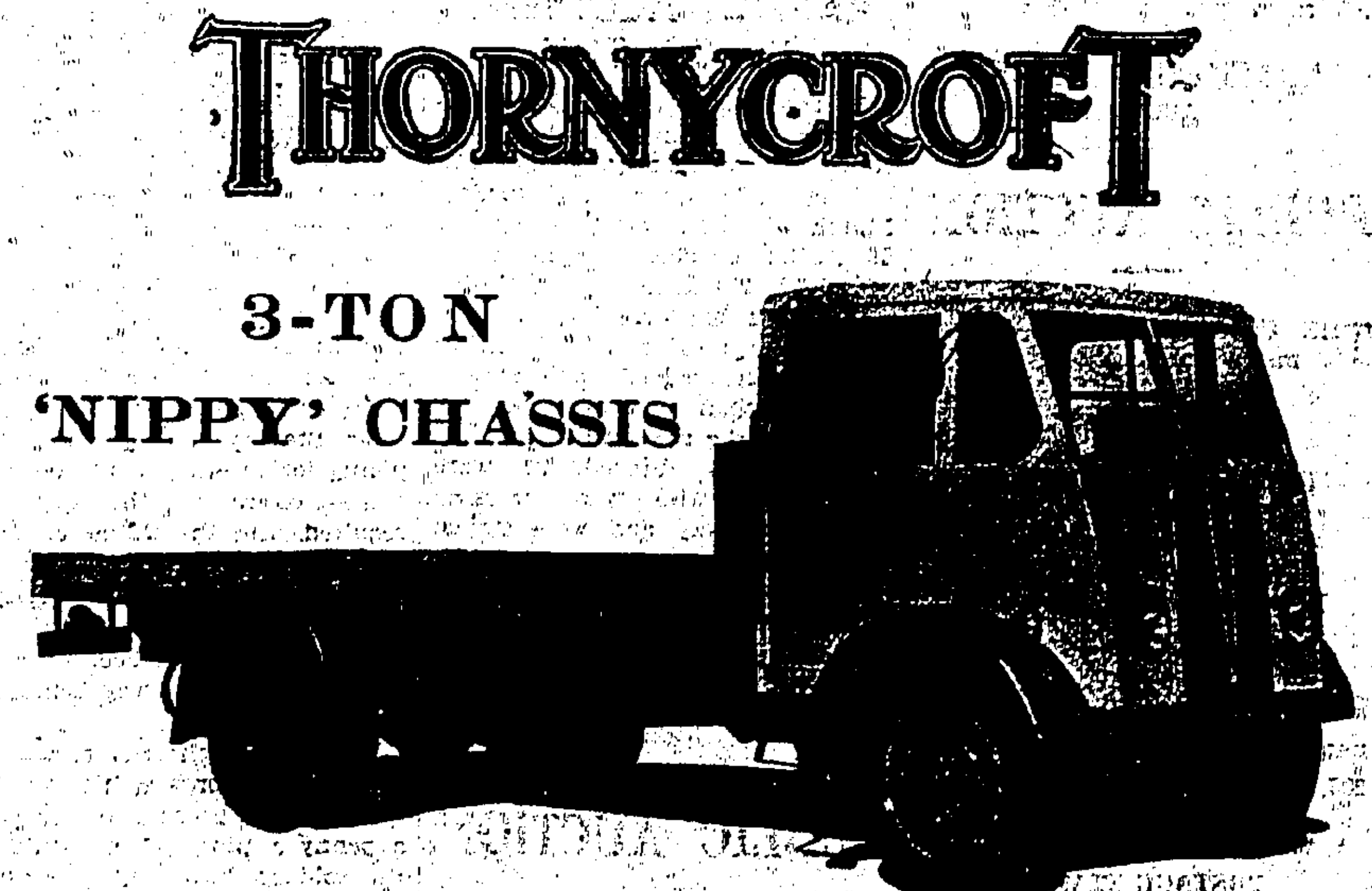
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### Annual General Meeting

During the present year our godowns have been full to capacity and the demand for storage space has been steadily increasing. Mr. S. M. Chan, Chairman of the Board, said in his report and accounts:

"Mr. Chan said in part:— Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, it is my painful duty to have to record officially the death of Mr. Hodgson. The late Mr. Hodgson, as you are no doubt aware, was a member of this board for 14 years in an unbroken line, and in his demise, the Company has been deprived of the services of a wise and resourceful counsellor. May I ask that you will stand for a moment in silence as a mark of your respect to his memory?"

The profit for the year, under review, after making provision for all known contingencies, was \$233,678.14, equal to 12.23 per cent on issued capital.

A, the beginning of 1939, all leased godowns, except the North Point Yard, had been given up and the profit for the year from this source was only \$35,000, whilst the earnings on our own properties amounted to \$279,000.

The year 1939 opened with a moderate demand for space, which, except for the set-back at the beginning of the war, improved during the year until a peak was reached in November last, which proved to be a record month for earnings from our own properties in the Company's history.

### GODOWN SPACE

We have not been able to rent sufficient godown space to take care of all our clients' demands, but for the accommodation of a few of our old clients we have rented two small godowns, which will only show a very moderate profit. Owing to the lack of space we have during January and February this year had to refuse several steamers, but recently we have been able to resume this important phase of our business.

I am pleased to record that our customers have availed themselves to a greater extent of the facilities we offer for loans against cargo stored with us. These loans are invariably granted with ample margin and are for short terms only. All the loans outstanding as at December 31, 1939, have since been repaid, except one loan which we have renewed.

The balance sheet of your Company shows a very satisfactory position, and you will observe

that your directors have recommended the transfer of a further \$50,000 to general reserve, increasing this reserve to \$150,000.

### DEPRECIATION SCHEME

During the year under review your board have adopted a definite scheme of depreciation based on a sinking fund at 31 per cent interest to provide the book value of the land held under seventy-five year Crown leases and all the buildings over the remaining life of the properties. The funds now stand at \$47,731.74 and are covered by an investment in Hongkong Government 4 per cent Loan Bonds as shown under the item "Sinking Fund Investments" on the assets side of the Balance Sheet.

The balance now available for appropriation is \$37,582.38 made up of the profit for the year 1939—\$233,678.14 and the amount brought forward from 1938—\$74,097.74. Your Directors will recommend to this meeting that a dividend of fifty cents per share be paid absorbing \$221,106.50, the sum of \$50,000, be transferred to General Reserve, the sum of \$15,000 be distributed to the staff at the discretion of the Directors, and that the balance—\$1,000—be carried forward to 1940 account, and we trust that these suggestions will meet with your approval.

The adoption of the report and accounts was duly seconded and carried, after which two retiring directors, Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., and Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt. were re-elected to the board.

### OTHER BUSINESS

The appointment of the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall Kt., C.M.G., to a seat on the directorate was confirmed and Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors.

## "BUT, WILL YOU STOP ARMING JAPAN?"

"WE ARE CONFIDENT OF OUR VICTORY, YOU CAN HELP LESSEN THE SUFFERING OF OUR PEOPLE BY HASTENING OUR VICTORY. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR AID. BUT, WILL YOU STOP ARMING JAPAN?"

Thus said Mr. Liu Yu-wan to his American radio audience lately when he broadcast a speech over XGOY. Mr. Liu is the executive secretary of the China Institute of Pacific Relations who has just returned after an extensive tour in the United States and Canada following the Institute of Pacific Relations Conference in Virginia Beach, Va. last November.

### NO REGIMENTAL BREWERIES

Mr. Macquisten (Cons.) asked Mr. Stanley in the House of Commons whether, to save cargo space, he would arrange that the materials and small plants for brewing be purchased in France and supplied to the regimental cook, and their assistants.

Mr. Stanley replied that small plants for brewing would be difficult to obtain in the quantities required, and the duties of cooking and brewing could not be suitably combined. (Laughter.) There would be no saving of cargo space as to beer or material for brewing was being sent from this country.

Mr. Macquisten: Before the war every factory brewed his own beer and it could be sold at less than a penny a pint. Why should not the soldiers have their beer with their ration just as the French soldier has his wine? Most Englishmen drink beer.

Mr. De Bère: *Toujours de la bière.* (Laughter.)

### EXTRACTION OF OIL FROM COAL

Mr. Lloyd, replying to Mr. Grenfell (Lab.), said: During the last 10 years a very large number of processes for the extraction of oil from coal has been brought to the notice of my department, but most of them have not been developed to the point at which technical investigation or commercial exploitation has been practicable. In 1938, apart from the large number of coke ovens, gas works and air distilleries and the production from Scottish oil shale, which together produced about 2,000,000 tons of oil, our supplies of home-produced oil were small. The production of oil from coal is a low-temperature carbonisation plant, and one does not get much more than 10 per cent of the weight of the coal as oil.

LONDON, MARCH 28 (REUTERS).—LORD SAMUEL, BROADCASTING THE IMPRESSIONS GAINED DURING HIS RECENT TOUR TO SYRIA, PALESTINE AND EGYPT, said that the conditions he had visited were more at peace in wartime than they had been in peacetime; that local controversies had quietened down.

### REFUGEES IN THE COLONY

An increase of 263 is shown in the total number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in the Colony in government camps, etc., in Urban and Rural Areas for the week ending March 23.

Urban Areas (Civilians): King's Park—1,206 against 1,302 on Mar. 16; Ma Tau Chung—1,643 against 1,390 on Mar. 16; North Point—1,330 against 1,410 on Mar. 16; Morrison Hill—472 against 459 on Mar. 16.

Urban Areas (Soldiers): In Hospital—18 against 14 on Mar. 16; Argyle Street—694 against 690 on Mar. 16.

Urban Areas (Tai Hang): Squatters' Camp—1,277 against 1,245 on Mar. 16.

Rural Areas: Kam Tin—2,154 against 2,097 on Mar. 16.

Total—3,834 against 3,616 on Mar. 16.

In addition to the above the Ngan Tau Kok Squatters' Camp was opened on March 12 and by March 23, there were ten inmates.

### THIEF FALLS FROM DRAINPIPE

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed on Lai Shing, 24, unemployed, when he pleaded guilty, before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday, to a charge of theft of two tins and a handbag containing \$2.60.

Lai climbed up to the second floor of No. 275, Lockhart Road by a drainpipe on January 17. After he had gained entry to the floor, his movements roused the occupants, and in this hurry to escape Lai fell to the road below and fractured his foot. He was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital where he was detained till Wednesday.

## The Liberals Have It!

### SMASHING VICTORY IN ELECTION IN CANADA

OTTAWA, March 28 (Reuters).—The Liberal Government of Canada has obtained a smashing victory at the polls, the victory being even greater than its most ardent supporters had hoped for.

The latest figures are:—

Liberal 174 seats out of a total of 245; Conservative (National Government) 38; Co-operative Commonwealth Federation 8; New Democracy Social Credit 7; Others 2.

OTTAWA, Mar. 28 (Reuters).—Reinforced by a record majority, representing 83 per cent of the National vote, Mr. Mackenzie King will probably summon Parliament for either May 2 or 3.

One result has been deferred and eight others are still doubtful. The results do not include the votes of Canadian troops which will be available next week. These votes may alter some results but will not be enough to affect the main issue.

Every Communist candidate was defeated while the "Social Credit" Party only polled one of the original 15 seats.

All the leading lights of the Conservative Party were defeated and so were all women candidates.

### ONLY WOMAN TO WIN

OTTAWA, Mar. 28 (Reuters).—Mrs. D. W. Nelson, Unity Party Candidate and mother of three children, defeated the veteran Liberal, Mr. C. R. McIntosh, at North Battleford, Saskatchewan. She will be the only woman member of the House, as all the other women candidates were defeated.

### JAPANESE EGG FACTORY BURNED DOWN

CHONGKING, Mar. 28 (Central).—The Japanese Yaguchi Egg Cold Storage, at Nanjing Road, in Hongkong Shanghai, formerly the Chinese, Mow Ching Egg Factory, was partially destroyed by fire which broke out at 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon, according to a Shanghai report.

The conflagration was not brought under control until about 7 p.m. Japanese Naval Landing Party members turned out to help fighting the fire.

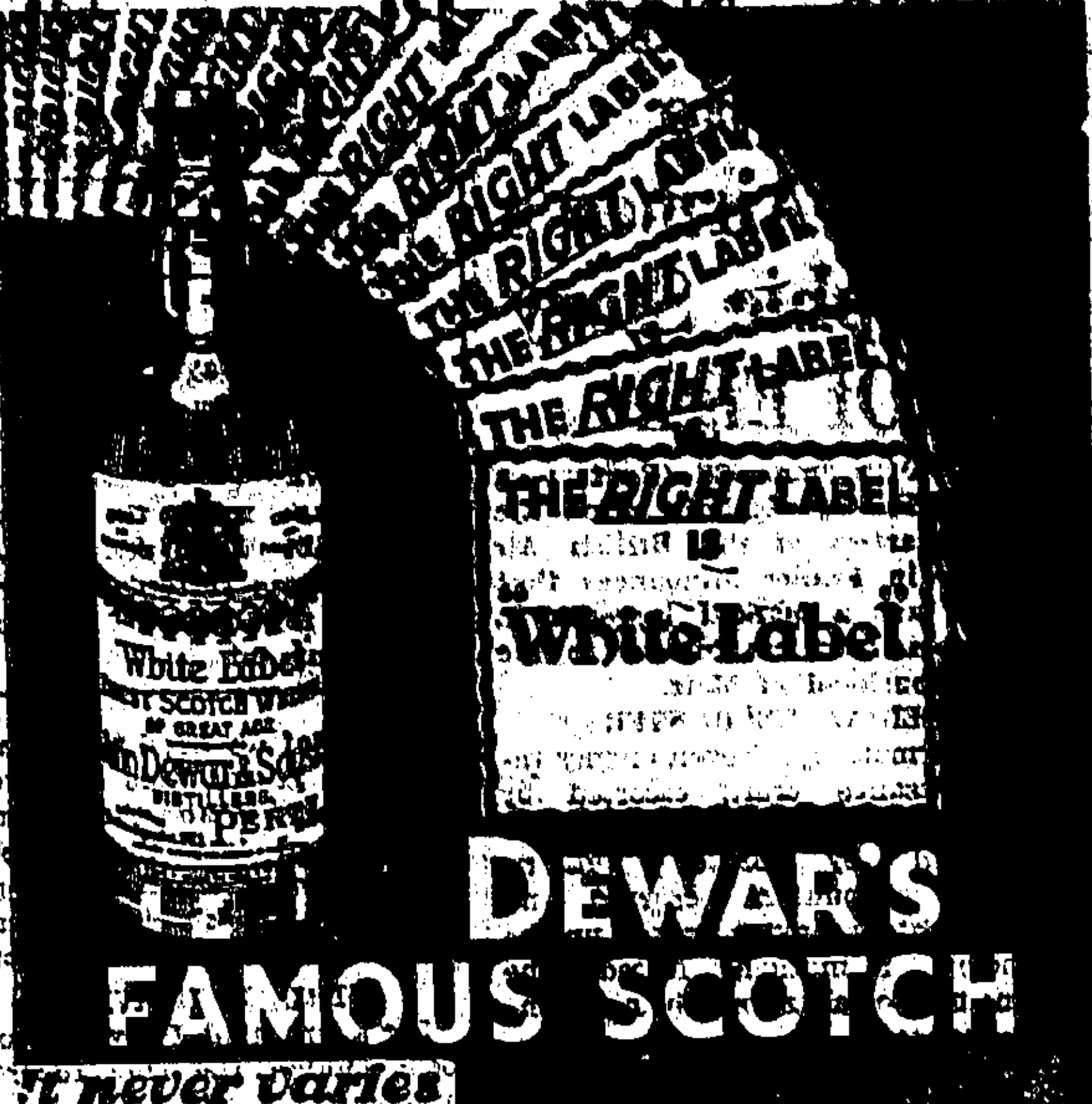
Loss sustained is believed heavy. The cause of the blaze is still unknown.

### MAN BITES MAN

A gruesome exhibit, a portion of a human ear, was produced in the Central Court when an assault case came before Mr. J. G. Sheldon yesterday.

The piece of ear belonged to Li Shun-ke, a tailor, bit off during a struggle when he failed to obtain a loan.

Li pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour.



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## FIFTH NATIONAL MEDICAL CONFERENCE

KUNMING (By Air Mail).—Preparations for the Fifth National Conference of the Chinese Medical Association are fast being completed. The Conference will be held at the new Provincial Hospital at Kunming from April 2 to 5 under the honorary chairmanship of Governor Tang Yun. While the attendance will not be as great as in normal years owing to transportation difficulties, it is expected that 250 doctors from different parts of the country will be "gathering" in Kunming for this occasion.

Already doctors from Peiping, Shanghai, Canton, Hankow, Chengtu, Chungking and Kweichow have registered, so that although the number from each city may not exceed one or two, practically every medical centre will be represented. Among the distinguished foreign delegates will be an official delegation of French and Annamite doctors from Indochina and the members of the United States Public Health Service Mission, who have been investigating malaria conditions along the Yunnan-Burma highway.

The conference discussions will place emphasis on war-time problems of medical relief, public health and medical education, these three sections being under the chairmanship respectively of Surgeon-General C. T. Lo of the Army Medical Administration, Vice-Director P. Z. King of the National Health Administration, and Secretary Wang Yuan-cheng of the Commission on Medical Education in the Ministry of Education.

### SPECIAL PAPERS

In the section on medical relief special papers are being prepared by members of the Army Medical Service, Army Medical College and Chinese Red Cross Medical Relief Corps under the supervision of Drs. C. T. Lo, Chang Chien and Robert H. S. Lim, respectively. In the section on public health papers being presented by members of the National Health Administration, Provincial Health Administrations, Yunnan, Sichuan, Szechwan, Hunan and Kwangtung, the League of Nations Epidemic Mission, and other public health workers will concentrate on the three main problems of malarial, health centres, malaria, and cholera.

Members of the National Central Research Institute of Materia Medica, and Chemopreparatives have submitted papers reporting the results of their latest investigations into anti-malarial drugs obtainable from indigenous Yunnan plants. The gathering of the Directors of the various medical colleges will enable many important problems of medical education to be discussed.

### EXCURSIONS

It has been arranged that the early afternoon shift be devoted to excursions and sightseeing, the afternoon sessions being postponed until 3.30 p.m. The local Preparatory Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. K. H. Ching, Superintendent of the Provincial Hospital, has been very successful in drawing up a most attractive programme of sightseeing, entertainment and general facilities. A series of exhibits of medical and pharmaceutical products have been prepared by the leading foreign and local firms for display.

Any surplus from the conference budget will be used for the building up of a medical library in Kunming, under a Library Committee, which has recently been appointed under the chairmanship of Dr. H. A. C. Macdonald, Acting Health Commissioner, Central Yunnan.

## Police Fire On Strikers In Calcutta

### SEVEN LEADERS ARRESTED

CALCUTTA, Mar. 28 (Reuters).—For the first time for ten years, the Police opened fire in Calcutta yesterday when a police picket was attacked by a gang of Municipal scavengers who have been on strike on Tuesday.

### FOUR ROUNDS

After the Police had fired four rounds, eighteen of the strikers were arrested. About 15,000 scavengers are on strike demanding a twenty-five per cent increase in wages. Efforts to extend the strike to other Municipal services were checked by the arrest of seven leaders.

## LONDON'S BILL FOR A.R.P.

Sir Harold Webb, M.P., leader of the Municipal Reform party, addressing an Empire audience at the headquarters of the Overseas League, deplored the wholesale evacuation of firms from London. Weighing in, he declared, was fast becoming a distressed area.

London, Sir Harold continued, had been more badly and tragically hit by the war than any other city in the country. The evacuation process had ruined it as a centre of retail trade. Shop owners and hotel proprietors found that their rate-demands were greater than their gross incomes.

### HEAVY SKELETER

The heavy skeleton, from the Metropolis, was not justified since the present losses already outweighed the possible losses of air raid.

Sir Harold calculated that A.R.P. would cost London £10,000,000 a year. He suggested that there were too many paid workers and, except in some districts, not enough volunteers. Not enough use was being made of the women of the country.

The A.R.P. system should be run like the lifeboat service, with a nucleus of trained men and a rank and file of volunteers. As evidence of the measures to protect London from bombing attacks Sir Harold Webb mentioned that the fire service which had 1,800 men before the war now numbered 23,000. There were 300 miles of hose and 2,500 fire engines.

The hospital of London had 72,000 beds empty for casualties and 3,000 ambulances available.







## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MARCH 28, 1940

On London:	—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 35 3/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 35 3/8	
Credits 4 months sight 1/2 35 3/8	
On Shanghai:	—
On demand	350
On Singapore:	—
On demand	52 3/8
On Japan:	—
On demand	90 1/2
On India:	—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 32	
and demand	32
On New York:	—
Bank Bills, on demand 31 1/4	
Credits 60 days sight 22 1/8	
On Batavia:	—
On demand	39 5/8
On Paris:	—
Bank Bills, on demand 105 1/2	
Credits 4 months sight 113 1/2	
On Saigon:	—
On demand	108
On Manila:	—
On demand	42 1/2
On Bangkok:	—
On demand	150 1/2
On Sterling Note:	—
Bank Buying Rate	1/231/32
Bar Silver per oz.	30 1/4

## Market Report

## FROM ROZA BBOS.

Silver prices rose yesterday to the extent of 3/16 for both deliveries, the quotations being 20 1/4 for Ready and 20 5/16 for Forward. Silver advances reported India as having bought. There was some bear covering. A small business was done. The market was steady. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot. The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 40 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 34 3/8.

## Market:

Quietly steady.

Sterling  
Sellers at 1/27/8 March/May, probably June and 1/27/32 July/September, buyers at 1/2 29/32 Cash and probably 1/27/8 August.

U. S. Dollars  
Opened with sellers at 21 1/16 resulting in business subsequently at 21 1/16 for April and 21 3/4 for May. Later a small business was done at 21 1/16 for near delivery. The market closed at 1 p.m. with probable sellers at 21 1/16 Cash, 21 3/4 April and probably 21 1/16 May, buyers at 21 7/8 for Cash, 21 1/2 April and 21 3/4 May.

Shanghai Dollars  
Opened with sellers at 358 with business done at 358 1/2. Subsequently the rate receded to 357 1/2, 356 1/2 and 356. The market closed at 1 p.m. with possible sellers at 355 1/2, buyers at 356.

Shanghai Market  
Sterling opened at 4 1/8 for Spot, 4 7/8 March and 4 April. Towards the close the market was steadier with sellers at 4 5/32 for March and 4 3/4 April. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 6 1/32 for Spot, 6 for March and 5 1/16 April. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 6 1/8 March and 5 1/16 April. Steady.

AFTERNOON MARKET  
The market was steadier in the afternoon.

Sterling  
Business was done early in the afternoon at 1/27/32 for cash & March. The market closed with sellers at 1/27/32 March/April and 1/27/8 May/August, buyers at 1/21/16 Cash and 1/2 29/32 August.

U. S. Dollars  
Business was done at 21 7/8 for March delivery. The market closed with sellers at 21 1/16 March, 21 3/4 April, 21 1/16 May and 21 5/8 June, buyers at 21 7/8 Cash, 21 1/2 April and 21 3/4 first half June.

Shanghai Dollars  
The market closed with sellers at 256 1/2 for Spot.

Shanghai Market  
Opened steady with sellers of Sterling at 4 1/8 for Spot and at the close the market was easier with buyers at 4 5/32 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 6 1/8 for Spot and closed with buyers at 6 1/8 for Spot.

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Mar. 28 (Reuter).	—
Official T.T. Rates	—
Opening	—
London	0/4
New York	5-7/8
Japan	24-7/8
India	22-1/8

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## COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE &amp; CO.)

SINGAPORE RUBBER				
Previous March 27				
Spot	36-7/8	36-5/8	36-1/4	off 5/8
APRIL-JUNE	36-1/4	35-7/8	35-3/4	off 1/2
JULY-SEPT.	35 cts.	34-5/8	34-1/2	off 1/2

LONDON RUBBER				
Previous close Today's close				
Buyers	11-1/4	11-3/16	—	—
Sellers	11-1/4	11-3/16	—	—
Spot	11-1/4	11-3/16	—	—
APRIL	11-1/4	11-3/16	—	—
MAY	11-1/4	11-3/16	—	—
JUNE	11-1/8	11-1/8	—	—
JULY-SEPT.	11-1/8	11-1/8	—	—
OCT-DEC	11-1/8	10-15/16	—	—

The market was easier.

The market was dull.

NEW YORK COTTON: There was a better demand from the Trade and short operators found offerings limited. Progress in the Farm measure is being made steadily.

NEW YORK RUBBER: The market is reflecting the pressure of shipment offerings and the weakness of the Sterling exchange.

CHICAGO WHEAT: There has been less pressure. Cash houses were selling for May while Commission houses were fair buyers for new crop months. There have been dust storms in the Kansas and Dakota sections of the wheat belt. Pacific Coast sales to Russia up to March 20 are estimated as high as 4,750,000 bushels.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 145.88; Today's close, 147.71. Change, up 1.85.

## NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

New York Cotton, May				
High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
10.49	10.41	10.40	10.48	.08 up
New York Rubber, May				
18.20	18.10	18.12	18.12	.04 off
Chicago Wheat, May				
106 1/4	106 1/4	105 1/2	106 1/2	1/2 off
Chicago Corn, May				
56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	1/2 off
New York Hides, June				
13.73	13.50	13.46	13.70	.24 up
NEW YORK COTTON				
Close Opening Closing Change				
May	10.40/41	10.41/41	10.48/49	.08 up
July	10.19/20	10.20/19	10.29/29	.10 up
October	10.12	10.13/34a	10.42	.10 up
December	9.70/71	9.72/72	9.79/79	.09 up
January	9.59/59	9.58/59	9.65/65	.06 up
February	9.54	9.54b/55a	9.60	.06 up
March	9.41	9.43/43	9.49/49	.08 up
Spot	10.65	—	10.73	.08 up
Total sales Tuesday: 68,500 bales.				
First notice day for cotton: 1/5/40 and last day 22/5/40.				
NEW YORK RUBBER				
March				
18.18	N	—	deleted	.04 off
May	18.18/16	18.20/20	18.12/12	.05 off
July	17.90b/85a	17.81b/18.00a	17.85b/86a	.13 off
September	17.83/83	17.81/78	17.70b/75a	.13 off
December	17.73b/75a	—	17.55/55	.18 off
January	17.69	—	17.51	.18 off
Total sales: 1,900 tons.				
Last Trading day for March rubber: 27/3/40.				
CHICAGO WHEAT				
May				
105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	1/2 off
July	104/103 1/2	104/104 1/2	103 1/2/103 1/2	1/2 off
September	103 1/2/103 1/2	—	103 1/2/103 1/2	unch.
Tuesday's sales: 20,187,000 bushels.				
CHICAGO CORN				
May				
56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	1/2 up
July	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	1/2 up
September	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	1/2 up
WINNIPEG WHEAT				
May				
89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	unch.
July	91 a	90 1/2/90 1/2	90 1/2/90 1/2	1/2 off
October	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	unch.
NEW YORK HIDES				
June				
13.46/46	13.58/51	13.70/70	13.70/70	.24 up
September	13.72/72	13.76/73	13.95/97	.23 up
New York, Official	34-3/4	34-3/4	34-3/4	—
NY-London Cross Rate	353-1/2	349-3/8	—	—

Paris	2.94
Hongkong	26-3/4

Opening Closing		
Spot	0/4-1/8	0/4-5/32
Mar.	0/4-7/64	0/4-5/32
April	0/4	0/4-1/16

## U. S. Dollars

Spot	\$6-1/32	\$6-3/32
Mar.	—	6-3/32
April	5-13/16	5-15/16

## Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

The Equalisation rate was 8-1/4 per cent.

NOTE: Please note that the Central Bank exchange will be closed tomorrow.

## India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Mar. 27 (Reuter).

Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 94-04-0.

## New York Exchange

New York, Mar. 27 (Reuter).

T.T. on London (Opening Rate), 354-7/8.

## Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Mar. 27 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 89-1/8.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

STOCKS		Last Sale	Mar. 27
Adams Express	7 1/2	—	—
Allegheny Steel Co.	22 1/2	—	—
Allied Stores	8 1/2	—	—
Allis Chalmers	36 1/2	—	—
Aluminum Ltd.	100	—	—
Amer. Can.	115 1/2	—	—
American Cyanamid B.	39	—	—
Amer. & Foreign Power	11 1/2	—	—
Amer. Foreign P. pf.	23 1/2	—	—
American Gas & Elec.	34 1/2	—	—
Amer. Locomotive	20 1/2	—	—
Amer. Metals Co.	24 1/2	—	—
Amer. Radiator	8 1/2	—	—
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2	—	—
Amer. S. & F. & R. Co.	49 1/2	—	—
Amer. Sugar Refining	19 1/2	—	—
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	172 1/2	—	—
Amer. Tobacco "B"	89 1/2	—	—
Amer. Waterworks	9 1/2	—	—
Anacosta Copper	29	—	—
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	23	—	—
Auburn Motors	1 1/2	—	—
Baltimore & Ohio	5	—	—
Barber Asphalt Co.	14 1/2	—	—
Barnard Oil	11	—	—
Bendix Aviation	35 1/2	—	—
Bethlehem Steel	78 1/2	—	—
Bliss & Co.	15 1/2	—	—
Boeing Airplane Co.	23 1/2	—	—
Borg-Warner	22	—	—
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	11 1/2	—	—
Briggs Mfg.	22 1/2	—	—
Brooklyn-Mt. Vernon Trans.	21 1/2	—	—
Brooklyn-Manhattan	8 1/2	—	—
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	52	—	—
Case, J.I.	69 1/2	—	—
Celanese	31 1/2	—	—
Chesapeake & Ohio	39 1/2	—	—
Chrysler Corp.	86 1/2	—	—
Chrysler-Moplenum Co.	38 1/2	—	—
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	79 1/2	—	—
Columbia Gas & Elec.	58	—	—
Columbia 6 1/2 "A" pf.	87	—	—
Commercial Credit Co.	45 1/2	—	—
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1	—	—
Consolidated Edison	31	—	—
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2	—	—
Continental Can.	48 1/2	—	—
Continental Oil	22 1/2	—	—
Copperweld Steel	16 1/2	—	—
Corn Products	59 1/2	—	—
Curtiss Wright (C.)	10 1/2	—	—
Curtiss Wright "A"	29 1/2	—	—
Deere & Co.	22	—	—
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	19 1/2	—	—
Douglas Aircraft	85	—	—
Du Pont de Nemours	186 1/2	—	—
Eagle Picher Lead	11 1/2	—	—
Eaton Mfg. Co.	33 1/2	—	—
Elect. Autolite	39	—	—
Elect. Bond & Share	6	—	—
Elect. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pf.	69	—	—
Elect. Bond & Share 8 1/2 pf.	29 1/2	—	—
Elect. Power & Light 7 1/2 pf.	15	—	—
Fisk Rubber	20 1/2	—	—
Flintkote	51 1/2	—	—
Gen. American Trans.	38 1/2	—	—
Gen. Electric	54 1/2	—	—
Gen. Motors	49 1/2	—	—
Gen. Railway Signal	17	—	—
Gen. Tire & Rubber	20	—	—
Glidden Co.	17 1/2	—	—
Goodrich (B.F.)	19	—	—
Goodrich 5 1/2 pf.	65 1/2	—	—
Goodyear Tire & Co.	22 1/2	—	—
Great Northern Iron Ore	13 1/2	—	—
Great Northern Rwy. pf.	25	—	—
Great Western Sugar	27 1/2	—	—
Greyhound Corp.	18	—	—
Hercules Powder Co.	98	—	—
Homestake Mining	58 1/2	—	—
International Harvester	53 1/2	—	—
Int. Nickel	32 1/2	—	—
Int. Tel. & Tel.	42	—	—
Johns-Manville	69 1/2	—	—
J. & Laughlin Steel 7 1/2 pf.	34 1/2	—	—
Kennecott Copper	35 1/2	—	—
Lakey Foundry & Mac.	4 1/2	—	—

## DOW JONES AVERAGE

1939/40		Mar. 28, 1940		Mar. 29, 1940	
High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
152.41	151.41	145.86	147.83	146.24	147.71
24.90	24.14	24.90	24.85	24.85	24.79
27.70	27.70	27.70	27.70	27.70	27.70
34.23	34.23	34.23	34.23	34.23	34.23
65.87	65.87	65.87	65.87	65.87	65.87

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## KOWLOON TONG GARDEN CITY ASSN. MEETING

### Sound Financial Position

A sound financial position was reported at the seventh annual meeting of the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association held at the Club premises yesterday evening and presided over by Mr. Wong Chak-nam.

The Chairman, in his review of the past year, said that 81 members were admitted against six resignations and 23 were struck off the register.

He also revealed that the suggestion to augment the main building with two wings, if funds could be raised, had to be deferred for future consideration owing to the prevailing unfavourable conditions.

The Report and Statement of Accounts as presented at the meeting was adopted and carried unanimously. Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. H. F. Un seconded by Mr. H. Gittins.

### ELECTIONS

The following were elected to serve on the General Committee:—H. Gittins, H. M. Siu, Dr. Bernardo de Souza, Chan Ip-cho, J. N. Wong, H. F. Un, Wong Chak-nam, F. W. Stapleton, Peter S. Wong, U. Sze Wing, Lee Kam-ming, F. H. Kwok, A. H. Basto, A. E. H. Castro, Dr. Kwan Sum-yin, Mok Lin, and L. A. Osmund.

Members present were Messrs. Wong Chak-nam (Chairman), Lee Kam-ming (Hon. Sec.), H. F. Un (Hon. Treas.), H. Gittins, F. W. Stapleton, Dr. Kwan Sum-yin, Dr. Bernardo de Souza, Dr. V. M. Atienza, Messrs. C. J. Roe and H. A. Castro.

### SULTANS WAR GIFT OF £12,000

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—To commemorate his coronation the Sultan of Brunei has given £12,000 towards the prosecution of the war.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st April, 1940, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 30th March, 1940, at 10 a.m., by our Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 1st May, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

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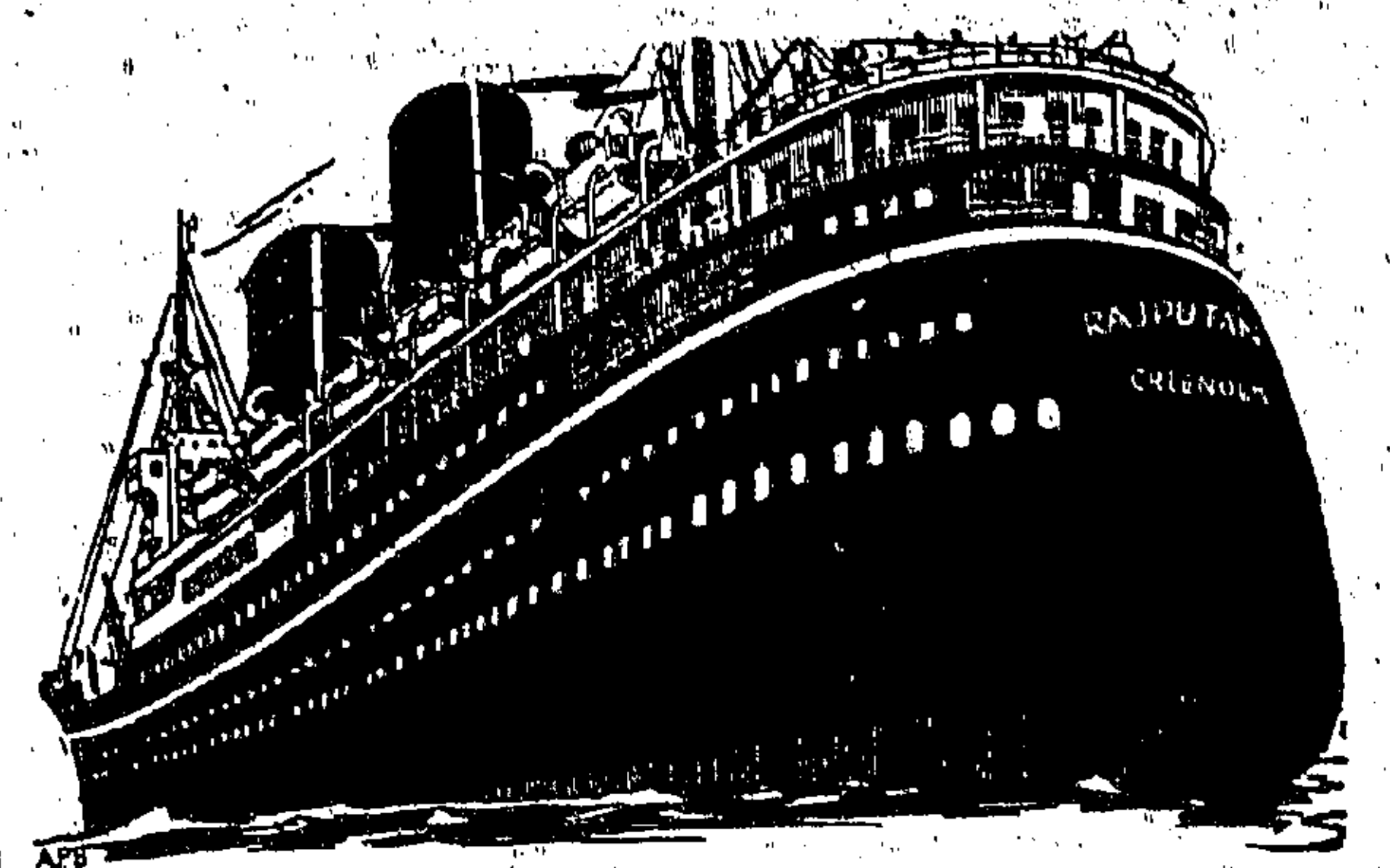
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Optional goods have been landed here unless instructions were given to the contrary Six Hours before arrival of the steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has or will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on Monday and Thursday, within the Free Storage period.

Consignees are specially notified that it is necessary for a Revenue Officer to be present at the examination of damaged dutiable cargo.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before 17th April, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MAKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co.,  
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Hong Kong, 27th March, 1940.

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICES

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 15th April, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th March, 1940, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Ltd.,  
Agents.

Hong Kong, 26th March, 1940.

# EASTERN NOT FIELDING S'HA1 "STARS" IN SHIELD FINAL GAME AGAINST S. CHINA "A" TOMORROW

## Record Attendance Is Expected

BY "PILAT"

Rumours that Eastern will be including some Shanghai "stars" in their Senior Shield final match tomorrow against South China "A" were categorically denied by an official of the Eastern A.A. when approached on the matter by the Hongkong Daily Press last night.

On the contrary, Eastern will be fielding practically the same team that has served them so well throughout the season.

### TELEPHONE BILL

Continued from page 5

**Higher Royalties**  
The present Bill gives effect to negotiations with the Company which were initiated and practically brought to conclusion by Mr. Calne, with a view to removing those objectionable features in the Ordinance and at the same time securing higher royalties and other advantages to Government. The arrangement incorporated in the present Bill is as follows:—

The Company provides Government free of charge with a telephone service for Government purposes up to 500 lines and arranges for the necessary branch exchange in a place sufficiently protected from possible air raid damage. This exchange has been constructed in the basement of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building.

**Big Economy**  
The modernisation of the Government system, which is obsolescent, would involve considerable expenditure and on technical ground it is desirable to amalgamate the Government with the Company's system. The provision of this exchange represents a capital saving to Government of roughly one-quarter of a million dollars. Also a discount of 25 per cent will be allowed Government on the standard rate of subscription in respect of any telephones or connections in excess of these 500 lines.

Arrangements will be made later for the Company to take over other Government services when it is possible to obtain the necessary equipment, and until this matter has been further discussed from the technical angle it is difficult to estimate the ultimate saving to Government in respect of recurrent expenditure and personal emoluments, but an appreciable saving is anticipated in respect of both.

#### Additional Royalty

Also an additional royalty of one half of the surplus profits over and above the amount required to pay a 12 per cent dividend on the paid up capital shall be payable to Government. In order to avoid double taxation the Company is permitted to deduct any amount payable to Government by way of taxation on profits from the net annual profits of the company before surplus profits are assessed for this purpose. This is based on the analogy of the treatment of such other utility companies as pay a royalty to Government, which will be permitted to deduct the royalty from their profits before such are assessed for purposes of war taxation. It will be observed that the remaining half of the surplus profits remains at the disposal of the directors who need not necessarily employ it for the purpose of increasing dividends.

#### Claim To Profits

This arrangement will apply retrospectively to the year 1939, so that Government may anticipate a considerable addition to the royalty otherwise payable in respect of that year. It is felt that Government, as representative of the whole community, has a prior claim to a share of the surplus profits in preference to the subscribers who already enjoy a remarkably cheap rate of subscription.

The management of reserves has been varied by allowing depreciation of existing investments to be charged to the capital reserve at once and in respect of capital reserve in lieu of the appropriation of a sum not exceeding \$170,482 per annum there will be paid an appropriation not exceeding \$92,577 per annum, plus the total amount of interest and dividends received during the year from the investment made on account of this reserve.

#### Sinking Fund Basis

This sum is calculated as sufficient to accumulate the required amount in thirty-six years on a sinking fund basis of 3 per cent.

## EASTERN TO TOUR MANILA

Eastern will be leaving the Colony on a visit to Manila on the morning of April 9 by an Italian liner and will play five games or more in the Philippine Islands.

In order to complete their League programme by then, Eastern will be engaged in four matches in next week, the most important of which will be against Kowloon on Monday on the Club ground at 5 p.m. In their first meeting Kowloon won 4-3 at Kowloon ground.

This game will probably decide the runners-up position and, should Kowloon win, they will have a good chance of finishing second to South China "A".

The other three matches are:—Wednesday v. Middlesex (Club, 5 p.m.); Saturday v. Royal Scots (Sookunpoo, 5 p.m.) and Sunday v. Club. (This has not yet been arranged.)

We are informed that, in addition to the three Shanghai "stars," other players who will be included in the touring team are Lau Hing-chai and Lau Chung-sang, of S. China, and Lee Kwok-wai, Chau Man-chi and Lau Pook-chuen, of Kwong Wah.

Interest on investments made on behalf of the depreciation reserve will continue to be credited to profit and loss account. Depreciation of such investments must be debited against profits but any excess over their written down value on realisation will be credited.

#### Tribute To Mr. Taggart

The Bill is being introduced as a Government measure put its term have been agreed to by the directors of the Company. In perusing the Hansard account of the first reading in this Council of the Telephone Ordinance, 1925, one meets frequent tributes to the ability and tact of Mr. Taggart, who conducted the final negotiations in connection with the foundation of the Telephone Company of which he was a promoter and is the managing director, and I should like to record that the Government representatives in the present negotiations with Mr. Taggart have again met the same high qualities of vision and breadth of judgment, to which testimony is borne by the success of the Company and the service it has rendered to the Colony.

#### REPORT APPROVED

The Council approved the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 2) dated Mar. 14, 1940.

The following were present at the meeting:—

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, H. E. Major General A. E. Grassett (General Officer Commanding), Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (Attorney-General), Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters (Financial Secretary), Hon. Cmdr. G. F. Hole (Harbour Master), Hon. Mr. T. H. King (Commissioner of Police), Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke (Director of Medical Services), Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves (Director of Public Works), Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas and Mr. C. B. Burgess (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

### HONGKONG'S WAR EFFORT

The following announcement was made by the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith:—Sir, in order that the telegrams

These players, it is revealed, are N. Z. Lee, Hsu Wan-ku and Tsao Chow-ting. They are all members of the Lido Club, the champion team of Shanghai. It is also learned that these players' departure was delayed because they have to appear in the final of the Skottowe Cup. N. Z. Lee is well-known to Colony soccer fans as he first learned to play football with Eastern.

When asked about Eastern's chances in the final tomorrow, the official declined to commit himself but said that the players were confident and that Eastern's chances were certainly never so rosy as at the present.

#### TWO CHANGES

There will be two changes to the Eastern's line-up for tomorrow's match. Kong Sin-king, who did not play regularly owing to pressure of business, will be seen at right-back and his inclusion should strengthen the defence considerably. The other change is that Cheng Ying-kuen, who played at back in the semi-final, will be seen at inside-left. The remainder of the team will be the same and, therefore, the full line-up will be as follows:—

Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sin-king, Tsang Chung-wan; S. C. Liu (Capt.), Hsu King-shing, Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, Lee Tack, Cheng Ying-kuen (or Woo Chi-siang) and Hau Ching-to.

Evidence that tomorrow's "match of the season" will draw one of the "biggest crowds on record can be judged from the fact that all tickets for the match, except a portion of the covered stand, have been sold out. So keen is the interest taken in this Chinese "derby" game that as early as last night people were willing to pay \$140 for a 55 cents ticket!

#### BIG MATCH

All in all, the final tomorrow promises to be the soccer attraction for some years and, in this regard, it is pointed out that, not since the visit of the Corinthians has the demand for tickets been so keen. It will be also of interest to note that this will be the first all-Chinese Shield final for many years and this, no doubt, will draw more than the usual crowd.

South China "A" have won the Shield for the past four years.

exchanged on the subject, of the Colony's war contribution, the text of which has already been published in the local press, may have a place on the records of this Council, I am commanded by Your Excellency to recite the following:—

From Governor, Hongkong, to Secretary of State, dated 14th March, 1940.

"I have the honour on behalf of the Colony of Hongkong to offer to His Majesty's Government as contributing towards the prosecution of the war the following amounts:

(a) \$5,000,000 towards the construction and equipment of two mine-sweeping vessels, four harbour defence vessels, and two ferry tenders.

(b) a gift of £100,000 in cash. These amounts were unanimously voted in the Legislature today.

#### COLONY THANKED

From Secretary of State, to Governor, Hongkong dated 15th March, 1940.

"Please convey to the Legislative Council of Hongkong the sincere thanks of His Majesty's Government for their exceedingly generous decision to offer an immediate gift to His Majesty's Government of £100,000 towards the prosecution of the war and to provide for the construction of naval vessels from the proceeds of special war taxation. His Majesty's Government deeply appreciate these very practical contributions by the people of Hongkong towards the successful prosecution of the war."

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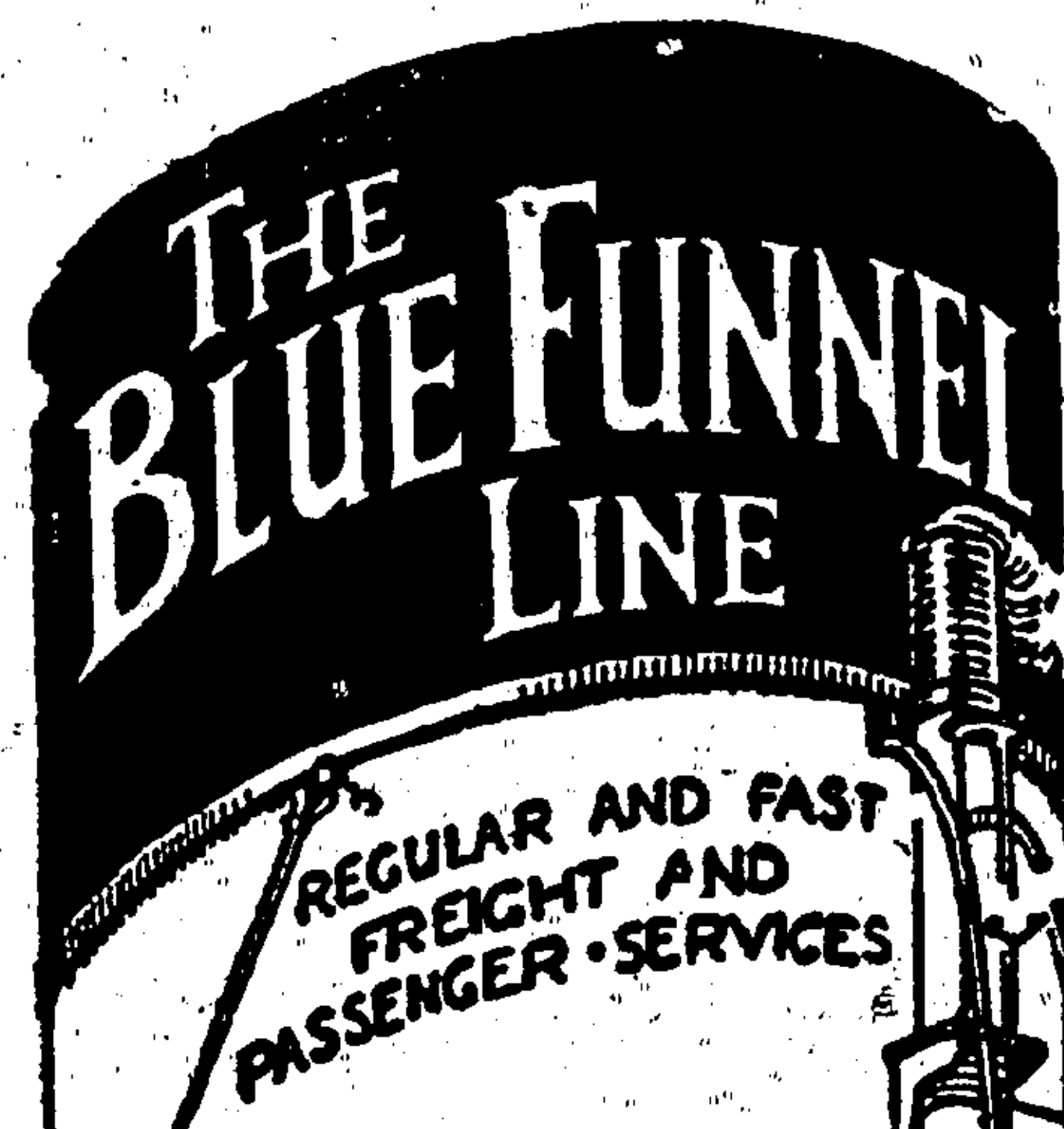
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Japan	30th Mar.
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Japan and Shanghai	1st Apr.
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Haiphong	1st Apr.
Straits	1st Apr.
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Japan	4th Apr.
Japan	4th Apr.
Australia and Manila	5th Apr.
Manila	5th Apr.
Straits and Saigon	5th Apr.
Straits	5th Apr.
Japan and Shanghai	5th Apr.
Europe via Suez and Straits—(London date, 2nd March)	6th Apr.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 5th March)	6th Apr.
Shanghai	6th Apr.

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<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Sat. 30th</b>
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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sun. 31st</b>
Shanghai	9.00 AM
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Mon. Apr. 1st</b>
Saigon	8.30 AM
Japan	10.30 AM
Haiphong	1.00 PM
Shanghai	2.30 PM
Canton	7.00 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Tue. 2nd</b>
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels 11.00 AM
Ord. Noon	
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Reg. 5.00 PM	
Ord. 5.30 PM	
<b>G.P.O.</b>	
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" due London 16th April	Reg. 5.00 PM
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